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Lobby warns of Uber 'public safety concern'

Revving up controversy.

Popular rideshare app has led to charges in other Canadian cities

Calgary drivers lacking comprehensive insurance policies are being urged to steer clear of arranging rides using popular smartphone apps like Uber.

Representatives with the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) planned to convene a special meeting among members Friday amid growing concerns about the risks drivers are taking in using their everyday vehicles to shuttle patrons using the UberX service.

Heather Mack, IBC director of government relations for Alberta and the North, agrees. She said standard personal insurance policies in Alberta contain a specific exclusion that

prevents drivers from carrying passengers for compensation.

"Let's say I'm driving for Uber today and I get into an accident ... I can't make a claim, I've voided my policy," she said. "The passengers I'm driving may not have any coverage for injuries. That's a huge public safety concern and I can't blame the City of Calgary for wanting to take a step back ... it's not as easy as downloading an app and starting to pick up fares."

Uber officials have been more forward in pushing their UberBlack sedan service on Calgary streets, even partnering with a local company last year to offer a one-weekend trial. But Mack said she was concerned by reports from the city's chief livery officer that the vehicle provider rented 20 vehicles, painted them and put them to work in a bid to keep up with Uber demand.

"That could be a nightmare and lead to years and years of lawsuits," she said.

But Lauren Altmin, an Uber spokesperson, said her organization has "seen an incredible response" from users in the nation's capital.

As well, she said all drivers are required to have personal insurance, but added those policies are bolstered by \$5 million of contingent auto liability insurance covering bodily injury and property insurance.

"In the event of an accident during an UberX trip, passengers, pedestrians, other drivers, and the community at large can rest assured knowing that ride-sharing partners are well covered by commercial auto insurance in addition to any insurance coverage maintained by the driver," she wrote in an email.

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Rentals. Nenshi says landlords 'gouging' tenants

Mayor Naheed Nenshi turned some heads Thursday when he publicly called out Calgary landlords for "gouging" tenants in the city's tight rental market.

In a radio interview on CBC, Nenshi said there's no reason for property owners to be jacking up rents, citing his own experience as a landlord who has not increased rent in four years.

"I have a rental property, and the rent that I charge is based on the mortgage that I pay, the utility cost and getting a little bit of a decent return," the mayor said. "None of those things has changed. My mortgage is the same as it was before; my utility costs have not gone up; I'm still getting a decent return."

The mayor accused some local landlords of looking at their business as "a get-rich-quick scheme."

"There's been way too much of that happening," he said.

Derek Fildebrandt of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation said he was perplexed by the mayor's "lecture."

Fildebrandt noted "municipal property taxes have skyrocketed" in the past four years and said utility rates have risen, too, and those costs will be passed on from property owners to tenants.

"Opportunity costs" have also increased along with housing prices, Fildebrandt added, prompting owners to either sell their properties or raise rent. "If they're not doing that, then they're frankly not very good businessmen," he said.

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Strathmore family can't keep pig in pen

Oinker opposition.

Chuckles help calm daughter's night terrors: Parents



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Swine enthusiasts in Strathmore say they've been hogtied and had no choice but to send away a prized porker credited with helping their youngster catch some shuteye.

The Dahl family first took ownership of Chuckles, a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, two years ago after he was found running loose in Airdrie. They then watched in awe as daughter Cassandra became close with the big-bellied hog, even allowing him to sleep in her own bed.

Cassandra, now nine years old, had suffered from night terrors since pretty much birth, according to father Trevor Dahl, but Chuckles has helped greatly in relieving her late-night tension.

"He was great," he said. "Once they (pot-bellies) know where food comes from they don't run away, they don't try to get out. I could take you into 20 houses and you'd never even know there was a pig in there living."

But Strathmore's bylaws don't allow the keeping of poultry, fowl, bovine, equine and porcine — pigs fall into the latter category.

The Dahls shipped Chuckles out of Strathmore to a friend's farm last year, but kept fighting to bring him home.



Cassandra Dahl and pot-bellied pig Chuckles were inseparable, but Strathmore bylaws have forced the youngster's parents to send the hog away. COURTESY CHRISTINE DAHL

Trevor said Thursday that both the town of Taber and city of Chestermere permit pot-bellies, adding he understood bans on bigger breeds of porkers, but hogs of Chuckles' variety are no bigger than a "medium-sized dog."

The Dahl family brought Chuckles home again in September after a freak snow

storm caused damage to his home, but it's believed a neighbour called city bylaw officers to complain.

The Dahls were invited to speak with town council Oct. 1 but said Thursday they don't believe their case was properly considered.

They were told to return a week later, but received a letter in the mail informing

them that the town's bylaw wouldn't be amended and that council's decision was final.

Dwight Stanford, the town's chief administrative officer, said city representatives feared ruling in Chuckles' favour would have opened the barn door, so to speak, to other farm animals being kept as pets.

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Sister opens pain to public

Loretta Saunders case.

Bereaved woman hopes that her journey through grief aids other survivors



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She writes vividly of a life she once knew and what she calls the beginning of the end.

Delilah Saunders is only 22, but speaks as though a piece of her died Feb. 26 — the day the body of her older sister Loretta, a pregnant Inuk woman living in Halifax, was discovered along the Trans-Canada Highway in Moncton.

Loretta's killing generated national media coverage and renewed calls for an inquiry into murdered and missing aboriginal women. It was an important cause for Loretta, who had been working on a thesis at Saint Mary's University about the very topic.

Delilah had moved to Halifax to be close to her sister while battling addiction. After her death, she couldn't bear to stay and recently chose to make Calgary her new home.

"Just being there reminded me of what happened to her," she said. "I was extremely depressed and had to blaze my own path."

But, much as she did in



Delilah Saunders, sister of homicide victim Loretta Saunders, during a news conference prior to her sister's body being discovered. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

life, Loretta continues to influence Delilah, inspiring her to start a blog, *A Homicide Survivor's Journey Through Grief*.

Delilah concedes her posts

don't pull punches — in fact, there's a disclaimer at the top that states, "WARNING: This blog has disturbing material that may provoke triggers."

She has written of the emotional plane rides home after her sister went missing, of tossing a handful of dirt on her casket.

Delilah hopes the blog serves as a rallying point for other survivors and inspires them to share as well.

"I feel like a lot of statistics are being thrown around, but a lot of people aren't get-

ting a chance to tell their story and their experiences with losing a loved one," she said.

There is a larger effort afoot, as well: Delilah is also designing a website for other survivors of slain indigenous women and plans to write a book that will include portions of Loretta's thesis and other academic research.

She's being supported by Darryl Leroux, an assistant professor in the department of criminology and sociology at Saint Mary's. He had served

as adviser to Loretta and spent hours working with her.

Since his pupil's death, Leroux said he's fielded dozens of requests for Loretta's thesis proposal and said that Delilah indicated that she hoped to carry on her sister's legacy.

"Delilah is very courageous, and her sister is and was very courageous," Leroux said. "I knew at some point she would come out and have important things to say."

"That's what's really striking — she's just kind of lay-

Murder charges

Where the case stands

Two of Loretta Saunders' roommates are facing charges of first-degree murder.

Saunders, 26, was last seen leaving her Halifax-area apartment on Feb. 13. Her body was found in a wooded area off the Trans-Canada Highway in New Brunswick about two weeks later.

Victoria Henneberry, 28, and Blake Leggette, 25, had been renting Saunders' apartment. Halifax police say they believe Saunders was killed there the day she was last seen.

Ontario police arrested Henneberry and Leggette, who are in a relationship, a week later near Windsor, Ont., where they were charged with stealing Saunders' car.

They were both charged with murder on Feb. 27. Four weeks have been set aside for their trial in April.

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"The autopsy couldn't be performed until weeks of -20 C could be reversed. The police and coroner tiptoed around using the phrase 'thaw out.'"

Delilah Saunders, left, sister to victim Loretta, writing in her blog, *A Homicide Survivor's Journey Through Grief*

ing it out there, and I think for her it's part of her healing process and it's probably better than keeping it bottled up inside."

Delilah, meanwhile, said she's already being contacted by fellow survivors and believes her efforts and those of others would make her sister proud.

"She was a very resilient and intelligent and loving person who put everyone's needs before her own. She really believed in the work that she was doing," she said.

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Education minister kept earning Calgary trustee pay while seeking his federal seat

Legal snafu. Sheila Taylor resigned earlier this month after being told she couldn't take a leave of absence



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Alberta Education Minister Gordon Dirks confirmed Thursday he campaigned "part-time" in 2004 for a federal Conservative nomination while serving as a paid school board trustee, but declined to specify whether he saw parallels between his endeavour and one that led to the recent resignation of board successor Sheila Taylor.

Earlier this month, Taylor stepped down as a Calgary Board of Education trustee after being told she couldn't be granted a leave from her fiduciary duties in order to run for the Wildrose in the Calgary-West provincial byelection.

Her surprise move sparked a debate among education watchers and both current and former trustees on whether school-board members should be allowed to campaign for another level government simultaneously.

Some openly accused the CBE of attempting to run out Taylor, who'd been critical of numerous decisions by the organization, including the lease of a downtown headquarters and the use of an external communications firm when it already employed more than 20 staff to do similar work.

Dirks confirmed Thursday that Taylor wasn't the first CBE member to dabble in politics at another level. He recalled running for the federal Conservative seat in Calgary Centre South in 2004, ultimately losing to Lee Richardson. Dirks said he relinquished his role as trustee chair, but continued on as an active board member and attended board meetings.

He deflected any notion that his attention was divided dur-



Alberta Education Minister Gordon Dirks METRO FILE

ing his federal nomination run.

"My campaign was part-time, it was on my own time," he said. "Because you can't be granted a leave of absence, you continue to receive your small stipend as a trustee."

Taylor, meanwhile, has said she was "surprised" by the legal

opinion provided to her by the CBE via an Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) lawyer stating that she couldn't be granted a leave from her fiduciary duties during the campaign. She'd offered to attend one trustee meeting if required to do so by fellow board members

and take an unpaid leave.

Metro did request to speak with the ASBA lawyer that weighed in on Taylor's matter but the association referred the matter to the CBE, who then referred it back to the association.

On Thursday, Taylor declined to weigh in on whether

Dirks should have stayed on as a paid member while campaigning, but said, "For me, the decision was about not accepting pay for one office while seeking another. I feel that was the right decision for me and the feedback that I've received from the public as I've been out has been very positive."

Two trustees also ran for provincial seats in the last general election and one of them, Buffalo Trail Public Schools representative Don Nelson, has chastised the board on Twitter, claiming it was wrong to prevent Taylor from taking a leave. As well, Taylor's scenario led for ASBA president Jacquie Hansen to tell Metro there are "gaps" in legislation regarding the trustee role and that "there should be some allowances in place to allow people to make that leap" to another political level.

In an emailed response to questions Thursday, the CBE said, "Gordon Dirks was seeking the nomination of a federal seat. He was not conducting an election campaign."

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'Quick win.' Project underway in SE Calgary to cut commuting time

The first of several so-called "quick win" projects is underway in southeast Calgary, aimed at saving commuters precious minutes as they wait for the anticipated Green Line rapid transit way to be built.

The first intersection to get a facelift is at Barlow Trail and 114 Avenue SE. Crews are adding a second left-turn lane from northbound Barlow Trail onto westbound 114 Avenue as well as lengthening the existing right-hand lane on 114 Avenue.

"These changes to the intersection will help improve traffic flow, and thereby help to reduce bus travel time for the BRT route 302 in the southeast," said Fabiola MacIntyre, project manager with the City of Calgary.

The lane will be multi-use, and not one of the planned bus-only lanes that's set to be installed by 2015.

It will cost \$150,000 to be installed, and is expected to save drivers about a minute



Work is underway at Barlow Trail and 114 Avenue SE for the first of many 'quick win' projects. HELEN PIKE/METRO

on their daily commute, while also helping with general traffic flow.

"If you look at just four years ago 63,000 people lived in Ward 12 and now we're close to 95,000," said Coun. Shane Keating.

"Anything we can do along this line and the movement forward is great for the residents." HELEN PIKE/METRO

Automation nation.
Other cities using more automated traffic-tabulating methods

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Calgary should install more automated cyclist-counting machines and publish the data online in real time in order to better guide decisions about cycling infrastructure, according to a new Manning Foundation report.

"I wanted to do this as a report, as a cyclist, because I think they're actually underestimating the number of cyclists," author Jeremy Farkas said Thursday.

That's what happened in Ottawa when a series of automated counters were installed

there, Farkas noted, and Dale Calkins of Bike Calgary said that's been a common experience elsewhere, too.

"Information from other cities does suggest that there is some undercounting involved with current data practices," Calkins said.

The city has been installing and testing various forms of automated traffic-counting devices, Calkins noted, although it still does rely heavily on point-in-time, manual counts at various locations.

Installing more permanent, automated counters would "definitely" improve the data quality, according to Manning Foundation research fellow Peter McCaffrey.

"If you're counting 24/7 every day, compared to counting one particular day, once a year, that's usually more accurate," he said. "And of course, it eliminates any kind of variability around weather."

Coun. Sean Chu has been advocating for months to have the city install more automated counters and, in particular, to post the data online.

"This way will be more transparent," he said. "It will show everybody if there's cyclists, or not."

Farkas said the city's existing counts are too focused in and around the downtown core, as well, and

ought to be expanded further into suburban areas, using a variety of means.

"I'm not saying manual counts are bad but they need to be complemented by other technologies," he said. "I think if we go to actual, better methods, they'll find that there are more cyclists than they were thinking and there's a lot more utilization throughout the city."

Who's counting you

Calgary transportation data manager Ekke Kok previously told Metro the city is exploring a variety of automated devices to count traffic — including cyclists, pedestrians, and motor vehicles — and plans to continually adjust its methods.

- City employees doing manual counts also gather

additional data, like how many people are riding in a particular car or bus, not just the number of vehicles.

- Some of the city's longest-serving data collectors have been doing the job for decades.

A cyclist

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A man rides past an automated counter in the National Capital Region. COURTESY HANS MOOR/URBAN COMMUTER OTTAWA

PIPA. Alberta privacy legislation set to expire in four weeks

Alberta's privacy legislation, parts of which were declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of Canada last year, will be rendered invalid unless a motion to extend its legal life is granted within the next four weeks.

In a unanimous decision last year, the court gave the province one year to amend its Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) after striking down the law over a case involving people being videotaped crossing a picket line in Edmonton.

The deadline to make changes was set as Nov. 15, but the provincial government has yet to do so and, after Premier Jim Prentice prorogued the legislature last month, the assembly won't sit again until Nov. 17.

Eldon McIlwain, a spokesperson for Service Alberta Minister Manmeet Bhullar, told Metro this week a motion to extend the deadline has been "formally filed" with the Supreme Court, "and they have given notice that it was received."

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"The government did clearly know what needed to be fixed and they sat on their thumb for 12 months."

Liberal MLA Laurie Blakeman

Edmonton-Centre Liberal MLA Laurie Blakeman said the extension "will probably be granted" but still said things should never have come to this point.

"The government did clearly know what needed to be fixed and they sat on their thumb for 12 months," she said.

If the legislation does expire, however, Blakeman said it would mean "total disarray for many small and medium-sized businesses," as they would suddenly be subject to federal privacy laws instead, which are substantially different. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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AHS aims to cut down ER wait times

Long emergency room wait times could get nipped in the bud, or at least that's the plan, as the province's health authority unveils a new tactic to increase patient flow in city hospitals.

On Thursday, Alberta Health Services CEO Vickie Kaminski joined Health Minister Stephen Mandel at the University of Alberta hospital to announce the launch of two new Rapid Transfer Units.

Each hospital will receive between eight and 15 beds to

facilitate patients taking up room in the emergency department, and who don't necessarily need to be there.

Kaminski said that includes patients waiting to be discharged, transferred or admitted to another department.

The \$2.1 million pilot project will run for five months at the U of A and Royal Alexandra Hospitals in the city, with plans to possibly expand the program across the province.

"We'll know at the end of the third or fourth month

whether or not this is successful," said Kaminski, adding hospitals throughout the province could expect to see the program budgeted in the 2015/2016 year.

Mandel said the latest pilot is just one step to create a better patient flow of patients throughout the hospital.

"It's really all about getting the proper access into the system," he said. "Right now, there are blockages at the emergency department."

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Vickie Kaminski LEAH HOLIDAY/METRO

Power back on: 1,900 residents return home

Still-unexplained fire.
'Everything seems to be going just as planned,' mayor says



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Lights returned early Thursday morning to a swath of downtown Calgary that had been darkened since Saturday, and thousands of residents began to move back into their homes.

After replacing 3 1/2 kilometres of underground cable damaged in a still unexplained electrical fire, Enmax flipped the switch at 5 a.m. and turned the power back on for 1,900 customers in 112 residential and commercial buildings across an 18-square-block area.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi had warned residents to be prepared for "some drama" as the power went back on and to not rush back to their apartments right away, but said Thursday afternoon the process had gone relatively smoothly.

"Everything seems to be going just as planned," Nenshi said of the re-energizing effort.



Mayor Naheed Nenshi provides an update on the power restoration in downtown Calgary at the city's Emergency Operations Centre. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Enmax and Shaw crews are still going to be doing some residual work in the area on Friday, the mayor added.

"So don't be surprised if there's still some lane closures or minor road restrictions," he said.

Traffic lights in the area were still being transitioned back onto the power grid Thursday afternoon after running on generator power for

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"When you think about the number of injuries or fatalities being so low — that's what we're thankful for." Mayor Naheed Nenshi

the past several days.

Calgary Emergency Management Agency deputy chief Tom Sampson said the generators came courtesy of Canada Task Force 2, a local

team of volunteer firefighters, paramedics, physicians and engineers that also maintains a warehouse of emergency equipment to be deployed when needed.



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Rebuilding Calgary's birthplace

1875 Fort Interpretive Exhibit. Fort Calgary rolls out Phase 2 of expansion project

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Calgary is one of the few cities where residents can stand on the exact spot the city was created, and Fort Calgary is building an interpretive exhibit on the area where the city was born.

This is the second of the three-phase Fort Calgary Master Plan expansion project, which is funded by all three levels of government. The project aims to share the city's history with residents and visitors, preserve the historical landmark and make Fort Calgary a larger tourist attraction.

"The 1875 Fort marks the place where the North West Mounted Police came to build a community," said Sara Jane Gruetzsner, president and CEO of Fort Calgary, at a groundbreaking event Thursday. "It's the birthplace of our city."

According to Gruetzsner,

the 1875 Fort Interpretive Exhibit is a representation of the community, and will be a structure that represents the city's past, present and future.

The first part of the project included restoring the Deane House and the Hunt House, as well as the relocation and rehabilitation of a Métis cabin. The third phase, which is expected to begin next year, will concentrate on renovating and expanding the current Interpretive Centre.

"I applaud the province of Alberta, the City of Calgary, and this great team in Fort Calgary for this investment for preserving and protecting our unique heritage," said Diane Ablonczy, MP of Calgary-Nose Hill.

The 1875 Fort is expected to be completed by 2015.

Government contribution

\$10.85M

The three levels of government have provided \$10.85 million towards the \$36.3-million expansion project. The federal and provincial governments each gave \$4 million, and the city gave the remaining \$2.85 million.

Talking trash. Skip the disposable cup: Recycling council

Piping hot coffee, travel cup, mug, disposable cup — most don't care how it comes as long as it's ready and downed before the first morning meeting.

An Alberta group is asking coffee-crazed consumers to take a second look at the cup they are sipping. If it's disposable, the Recycling Council of Alberta wants you to change your act.

"There is a misconception

out there that using disposable cups is 'no big deal' because you can recycle them.... For the most part these cups are not acceptable through our municipal recycling or composting programs," said Sharon Howland, president of the Recycling Council of Alberta, in a news release.

The group has been conducting independent audits of coffee shops across the province via Facebook, dropping

in like a secret shopper. Not to review the quality of service, but to see how proactive shops are when it comes to saving a disposable cup from landfill.

"A lot of the time you will just get coffee in a disposable cup without them asking if you are staying or going," said Philip Hunter, the group's outreach co-ordinator. "We've had some really good response."

He said Good Earth responded after a negative review and changed their disposable cup practices.

For waste reduction week, the group is also looking to get friendly competition going between offices. Their bring-your-own-cup contests will see workers filling out forms beginning and end of the week to note improvements and compete for a coffee-related prize. **HELEN PIKE/METRO**

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NDP critic questions promise of schools

Standing next to an empty field Thursday, Alberta's New Democratic Party education critic called out the government, calling the recent announcement of 55 new schools nothing more than a byelection promise.

Deron Bilous was joined by NDP's Edmonton-Whitemud hopeful Bob Turner for the windy press conference to spotlight the lack of schools in the city's southwest.

"We've got serious concerns about the PCs making more promises conveniently during a byelection to build more schools when they haven't yet fulfilled the previous promises," Bilous told media gathered in the neighbourhood of Macgrath.

Thanks to dropping oil prices, the education and infrastructure critic said, the conservative government would once again find themselves

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"That has a direct impact on the provincial coffers."

Deron Bilous, Alberta NDP's education and infrastructure critic, questions the government's decision to drop oil prices

short on cash for the upcoming budget.

Earlier this month, Premier Jim Prentice and education

minister Gordon Dirks announced the 15 new schools for Edmonton and extra cash to fast track nine that had been previously announced.

Along with the new school announcement, the government launched an online document to show the status of each project. At this time, most of the new schools promised to Edmonton are in the tender process.

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The Hyatt Hotel in Calgary seen next to the Calgary Tower. Currently, the city is not able

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Even in the small city of Brandon, Man. (population 46,000), the municipality charges a fee on hotel stays: \$3 per room, per night.

The City of Calgary, however, does not collect such a fee.

The Alberta government applies a four per cent "tourism levy" on hotel rooms, but the city, itself, is not able to collect taxes

in this manner, under current provincial laws.

That's something Alberta Party leader Greg Clark believes should change.

"There are lots of examples in lots of other jurisdictions that have that additional hotel room tax," he said. "People still seem to go to those cities."

Allowing cities to tax hotel rooms would offer cash-strapped municipal governments another source of revenue, Clark said, while having "very little impact" on city residents, themselves.

Calgary Hotel Association (CHA) president Jon Jackson, however, said Albertans make up "the majority of travellers within the province" and would end up paying most of the fees.

"In essence you'd be creating a new tax that would hit Albertans the most," he said.

Member hotels of the CHA already voluntarily kick in three per cent of their gross room revenue to a "destination marketing fund," which is used

Hotel tax a subject for



to charge an additional tax on hotels, as in other jurisdictions. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Coun. Brian Pincott on municipally levied hotel taxes

to promote the city to potential tourists.

Jackson said 45 CHA members contribute to the fund, accounting for about 90 per cent of the available hotel rooms in the city, and adding up to about \$10 million a year.

If the city were to charge a similar fee on all hotel rooms, he added, it could only expect to take a bit more than that.

"So we're not talking a huge amount of money," Jackson said, especially when compared to the city's \$3.2-billion operating budget.

Coun. Brian Pincott, however, noted an extra \$10 to \$15 million "is nothing to sneeze at" when city council goes about its annual budget deliberations.

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Airdrie

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"These incidents are unfortunate and upsetting for all involved," said Lynn Mackenzie, Team Leader, Municipal Enforcement.

"Municipal Enforcement takes these types of incidents very seriously," she said.

The aggressive dog has been taken into custody and will be quarantined for up to 10 days until the Municipal Enforcement investigates and works towards resolving the incident.

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Taxpayer dollars. \$100K ended up in Tory coffers, Wildrose leader says

Alberta's Opposition says a freedom-of-information request has revealed more illegal donations to the PC Party.

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith says documents show the party accepted more than \$102,000 between 2004 and 2010 from taxpayer-funded municipalities, post-secondary schools and school boards.

Smith says those are "prohibited corporations" under Alberta elections laws.

A request for comment from the Alberta PC Association was not immediately returned.

The Wildrose has written to chief electoral officer Glen Resler and provided him with the documents that the party says detail 238 instances of improper donations from 41 different parties.

Individual donations ranged from \$25 to \$4,000 for such events as golf tournaments for members of the legislature, PC party annual meeting dinners and leader dinners for former premiers

Illegal contributions

45

Number of cases of illegal contributions to the Tories between 2010 and 2011 from towns, municipalities, school boards and other publicly funded organizations listed in a report by the province's former chief electoral officer.

Ralph Klein and Ed Stelmach.

"That's over \$100,000 of taxpayer dollars that should have gone to roads or classrooms or research that instead ended up in the PC party election war chest," Smith said at a Calgary news conference Thursday.

The Tory government passed a law in 2012 prohibiting Elections Alberta from being able to disclose illegal donations received prior to 2010, so the Wildrose made access requests to municipalities, school boards and post-secondary institutions.

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IN DEFENCE OF
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It may seem hard to believe, but once upon a time the Calgary Tower stood above everything else in Calgary.

Actually, until 1983, it was the tallest building in this fair city. The 627-foot tower, built to celebrate Canada's centennial, was the shining symbol of Calgary. Then, almost as quickly as it rose, it disappeared. Well, not completely... but, depending when you're standing, you could easily think that it has disappeared.

Since it began losing the race to be Calgary's tallest building, the Calgary Tower has struggled to garner the respect of the city for which it's named. Sure, it's popular with tourists, but it's rare for the tower to come up in conversation among Calgarians and not hear at least one joke

similar to the one I made in the first paragraph.

But I think it's time that we start giving the Calgary Tower the much-needed credit that it deserves. First of all (and I sound like I'm on a third or fourth date here) it's not that small. The Calgary Tower still ranks in the top five of Calgary's tallest buildings, although it will soon be trumped twice more by the Brookfield Place east and Telus Sky. In terms of Canadian structures, it sits comfortably at 45th. When was the last time you were in the Top 50 of anything?

While we've all been mocking the little tower that could, it's been quiet busy trying to impress us.

Back in 2005, the Calgary Tower added the absolutely thrilling glass floor, that lets you, literally, stand above 9 Ave. Does Eighth Avenue Place have that? Nope.

Then, back in 2008, the tower wisely replaced its

Lighting up Calgary nights

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poorly reviewed Panorama Dining Room with the infinitely better SKY 360 Restaurant. While it might not always have the buzz of some of Calgary's trendier restaurants, if you are unimpressed by a revolving restaurant 57 storeys up, well then your life must be pretty exciting.

And let's not forget how, during the most recent Olympic Games, the tower's cauldron would light up in celebration every time Canada scored a gold medal.

And then, just last week, Calgarians noticed something different in the night sky. While no one was looking, the

Calgary Tower added coloured LED lights to its exterior.

Now, much like the Empire State Building and the CN Tower, our little tower will be able to celebrate things like national holidays and festivals with spectacular light shows. And, if the Flames ever win the Stanley Cup, presumably the tower would light up in celebration for that, too. But don't hold your breath.

I think the Calgary Tower could have easily become an eyesore for all of us ridicule like a certain new blue ring. But instead, Aspen Properties, the owners of the tower, continue to come up with innovative ways to help it stick out among the surrounding giants.

If only I could have thought of something similar when I was in high school.

Mike Morrison writes Mike's Bloggity Blog and tweets from @mikesbloggity

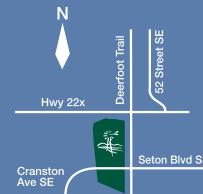
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On the loose. Suspect sought in connection with 10 commercial thefts

Calgary police are seeking a man wanted on arrest warrants for a series of break-ins at commercial buildings.

Robert Kelly Wellingford, also known as Robert Keith McLaughlin, 53, is wanted in connection to 10 thefts.

He's described as a white male, about six-foot-one, 225 pounds, with blond hair and hazel eyes. He walks with a slight limp.

Police initially put out a public plea in September for information about a man they believed to be connect-

ed to numerous commercial thefts across the city dating back to 2010. Many of the incidents involved the culprit breaking into strip mall stores by smashing through drywall.

After receiving tips from the public, police identified a person of interest in the case.

Anyone with information about this man's whereabouts is asked to call police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

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Playing field

Calgary Soccer Centre grand opening Saturday

Athletes and sport enthusiasts are invited to the grand opening of Calgary's newest artificial turf fields. Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Wayne

Cao, MLA for Calgary-Fort will join the community in celebrating the latest edition to the City of Calgary's inventory of multi-sport facilities. Starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, there will be a guided tour of the fields in action with a multi-sport demonstration held in the Annex by Calgary-based sport association members. METRO

City Hall School gives pupils a different view



Morgan McLaren celebrates the 15th anniversary of City Hall School with Mayor Naheed Nenshi. YASMIN JASWAL/FOR METRO

A different classroom.
City marks 15 years of teaching students about government from inside its own hallways

In numbers

10,000

The number of students who have participated in the City Hall School program since it began in 1999

For 15 years, City Hall has opened its doors and allowed students and teachers to move their classrooms in for a week.

The program, called City Hall School, is available to students in Grades 3 to 12. It offers students the opportunity to meet with different City of Calgary employees, including city council members. Each class has a custom program design for the week to help students learn the importance of government and how they play a role in it.

Morgan McLaren had her first taste of City Hall through the program nine years ago.

"I had the opportunity to learn about what the City of Calgary does," said McLaren, who interned as a design student with the City's Creative Services department this summer and helped put together the 2013-2014 annual report for the City Hall School program.

"Actually seeing City Hall was huge to understanding government."

This year was the most popular for the program, with 49 classes applying for the 27 available program dates. Marlene Mulligan, co-chair of Campus Calgary/Open Minds, said the city hopes to be able to accommodate more classes in the future. YASMIN JASWAL/FOR METRO

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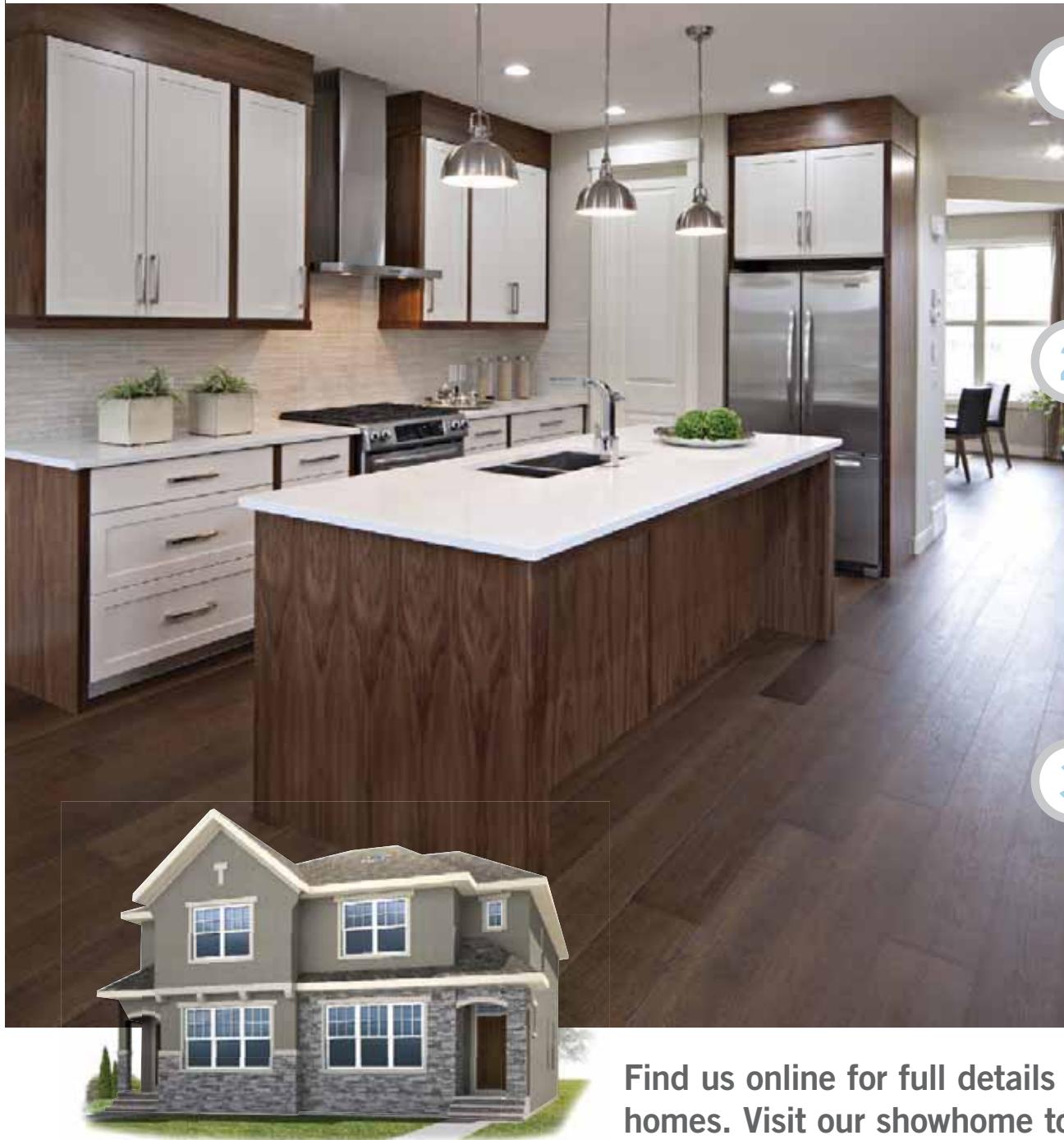
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game machines in Minneapolis. Sarkeesian cancelled a speech at Utah State anonymous threat against her. ALEX LAZARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

go after the scholar asks

or charged.

"We actually don't have legislation that's caught up with the nature of these threats," said York University professor Jennifer Jenson. "Right now, we have no real recourse."

For Jenson, the problem is less about the law, per se, than enforcing it. In particular, she believes police need to be better educated about how the law applies to online activity.

"A lot of people, when they go to report cyber-harassment to the police, they feel like they're talking to a brick wall," she said.

Danielle Citron, a legal scholar at the University of Maryland, agrees.

Citron's recent book, *Hate Crimes in Cyberspace*, features interviews with Anita Sarkeesian and describes how initially, she was reluctant to approach police.

"There were hundreds and hundreds of posts. It was daunting," Citron said. "How do you go after the cyber-mob?"

The FBI is investigating some of the threats made against Sarkeesian — particularly a bomb threat that was sent to the Game Developers Choice Awards in San Francisco last March — and Citron

Diversity in gaming

Jennifer Allaway is a U.S. researcher who studies diversity in the game industry. She has interviewed numerous gamers and developers and says GameGate is in no way reflective of the broader video game community. According to Allaway's findings:

1 78 per cent of women and 71 per cent of men support attempts to hire more women in the game industry.

2 87 per cent of women and 70 per cent of men want to see more female protagonists in video games.

3 83 per cent of women and 73 per cent of men believe diverse development teams create better-quality games.

is hopeful that some of the worst offenders may actually end up before a court.

"There's never going to be perfect enforcement," she said. "But we need to send a message to everyone else that there may be consequences to their behaviour."

Canada Post battle

Legal challenge planned to save mail delivery to homes

Seniors' groups and organizations for people with disabilities are joining the Canadian Union of Postal Workers in a planned legal challenge to preserve home mail delivery.

Canada Post wants to

phase out home delivery in an effort to cope with a revenue squeeze from falling mail volumes.

The postal workers union said the Federal Court challenge, which has not yet been filed, will argue that doing away with home delivery is a decision for Parliament, not Canada Post.

Union president Denis Lemelin said the agency is too focused on the bottom line and is ignoring Canadians' needs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Forecast

Gonzalo expected to reach N.L. as strong storm

Hurricane Gonzalo is expected to transition to a strong post-tropical storm on Saturday that could bring heavy rains to southeastern Newfoundland, the Canadian Hurricane Centre said Thursday.

Forecasters said compli-

cating matters is a separate cold front that could hover over eastern Newfoundland and bring downpours, with total rainfall amounts estimated to be between 50 and 75 millimetres.

The rainfall is expected to move through quickly, followed by high winds.

The strongest winds will be felt to the right of Gonzalo's track and the heaviest rainfall to the left, the centre said.

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Vancouver's Oppenheimer Park tent city gone, many still homeless

Finding homes. More than 200 people lived in the park since the camp was first established in July

An overnight reprieve didn't stop a homeless camp from being dismantled by authorities on Thursday.

Several people were arrested by police Thursday afternoon after the majority of campers in Vancouver's Oppenheimer Park reluctantly packed up their belongings and left as volunteers, while city staff and fire officials dismantled tents and cleaned up the park under the watchful eye of a large police presence, in accordance with a court-ordered injunction.

Despite a Wednesday, 10 p.m. deadline to take down the tent city, police decided not to enforce the injunction in the

middle of the night.

That seemed to have a calming effect the following morning on efforts to break up the camp, home to more than 200 people since July.

"It has been quite peaceful," said Pivot Legal Society lawyer DJ Larkin, who had a team of legal observers at the park. "The police are standing by, it's mostly fire rescue that have been interacting with people. From what I've seen, they've been doing so respectfully."

Authorities were pleased with the progress being made until approximately a dozen tents remained.

Police congregated at the park until about 4:30 p.m., when they moved in and arrested four people who refused to take down their tent.

A line of officers blocked off the police wagon and faced protesters who were singing and drumming while the campers were taken into custody.

The city says 56 campers are



Of the approximately 200 homeless people who have lived in tent city since July, the City of Vancouver has placed 56 in permanent housing, and another 62 in temporary shelters. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

now living in permanent housing, and another 62 have been placed into temporary shelters as of Wednesday night. But resentment over the city's efforts to disperse the homeless still lingers.

"They shouldn't have done it to begin with," said Dan Wallace, one of the camp's leading advocates. "Some campers are willing to take the facilities offered, but it doesn't work

for everyone. There are a few couples here, they're not going to separate (to get into gender-specific shelters). The city is making the homeless homeless again, the logic is stupid."

Jeffrey Dean Caldwell, a homeless man who has camped at the park since July, said he was willing to stay at Oppenheimer and risk arrest.

"I'm here until the end, I have nothing to lose," he said.

"The last couple of days have been frightening in the camp. (The city) wants us to go, but go where?"

Larkin said Pivot has been urging campers to comply with the court injunction.

"There are a few people who have said they'd like to stay and made a stand, our advice to them has been to not breach the court order," she said. "Many people are resigned to it,

they know and are packing up. But they're also saying, 'I don't know where to go, I need more time, I don't have a plan.'"

Homelessness remains a major issue in Vancouver even with the camp gone, she said.

The regional district's 2014 homeless count recorded 2,770 people living without a home, an increase from 2,650 in 2011.

Street homelessness in Vancouver is nearly doubled to 538 people from 273 in 2013.

In addition to shelter spaces, the city says three buildings with 259 units of housing are slated to open soon.

The city has also commanded a former hotel to temporarily house another 157 people starting in November.

The city has argued that conditions of the camp have steadily deteriorated and that it is unsafe, with Mayor Gregor Robertson pointing to the death of a 69-year-old man there as evidence of the poor conditions.

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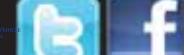


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Metro in Vancouver

Canadians have long complained about the high cost of living, especially in our larger cities such as Vancouver.

But as graveyards fill up and land prices soar, parts of Canada are becoming expensive places to die — especially Vancouver. Other places in Canada seem relatively inexpensive.

For example, at some Metro Vancouver cemeteries where vacancy is running low, asking prices for

in-ground burial plots with space for two caskets can run as high as \$52,000, while a double crypt mausoleum can come with a price tag as steep as \$60,000.

According to industry experts, that high cost of burial is only going to keep rising as graveyard space continues to dwindle in a city already notorious for its sky-high real estate prices. They say the issue highlights a need for changes to provincial legislation that controls how cemeteries can sell burial plots.

"We're going to hit that wall eventually," said Glen Hodges, manager of Mountain View Cemetery in Mount Pleasant.

"The space that exists is basically the space we already have, so as those cemeteries start to fill up ... that puts pressure on those cemeteries in terms of pricing that remaining space."

At Mountain View, the



Glen Hodges, of Vancouver's Mountain View Cemetery, says the high cost of burial in Metro Vancouver highlights a need for B.C. to look at changing legislation that determines how cemeteries can sell plots. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

City of Vancouver's only cemetery, Hodges said there are only 700 or 800 graves still available for casket burials.

The cost of a burial plot is \$22,500, he said, which includes space for up to two caskets, up to eight cremated

remains and up to four grave markers.

While the price may seem exorbitant, Hodges said the fee is "good value" considering families can reuse the burial plot, placing two new caskets every 40 years, a perk

that is only offered at Mountain View. At private cemeteries, the cost can run even higher. In Burnaby, B.C. a double-depth plot at Ocean View Burial Park ranges from \$30,000 to \$52,000.

From shocking to not bad

Casket Burial Prices Across Canada

- Vancouver: Ranges from \$22,500 at city's cemetery to \$52,000 at private cemetery in Burnaby.
- Calgary: \$2,952 at city's cemeteries.
- Saskatoon: Ranges from \$1,385 to \$1,815 at city's cemetery.
- Halifax: Ranges from \$1,581 to \$3,162 at St. John's Cemetery.
- Toronto is cheap compared to Vancouver. Ranges from \$6,000 to \$8,885 at Toronto Necropolis cemetery.

Apple's new iPad Air 2 faster and more svelte



Phil Schiller, Apple senior VP, talks pricing of the iPad on Thursday. AP

Apple unveiled a thinner iPad Thursday with a faster processor and a better camera as it tries to drive excitement for tablets amid slowing demand.

The iPad Air 2 also adds many of the features previously available on iPhones, and includes a fingerprint ID sensor for use instead of a passcode.

Meanwhile, Apple made its new Mac operating system, Yosemite, available as a free download starting Thursday.

Apple Pay, the company's new system for using iPhones to make credit and debit card payments at retail stores, will launch on Monday.

New iPads

Apple's new tablet is 18 per cent and 6.1 millimetres thinner than previously.

The rear camera is boosted to eight megapixels, matching what's found in iPhones.

Mac Updates

The company unveiled

new iMacs with a sharper display. Apple also released its new Yosemite operating system for Macs as a free download.

The Mac update includes new functionality, such as the ability to make phone calls with an iPhone nearby and a one-stop search tool for both locally stored documents and online resources.

Apple Pay

Deals have been made with hundreds of additional

credit card issuers since the new payment service was announced last month.

With Apple Pay, iPhone 6 and 6 Plus owners will be able to make payments at brick-and-mortar stores by holding their phone near a card reader. The new iPhones have a wireless chip to transmit the information needed to complete the transaction. Apple Pay may spur transactions over mobile Web browsers and apps.

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A rescue team carries a victim of an avalanche from the Thorong La pass area in Nepal, Thursday. COURTESY THE NEPALESE ARMY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'We were lucky,' says Canadian survivor

Himalayan tragedy.
Quebec woman tells harrowing tale of surviving avalanche in Nepal's mountains

A Canadian survivor of the Nepal avalanche that killed at least 27 people has described being buried waist-high in thick, heavy snow on a "nightmare" of a day.

Quebecer Sonia Leveque said she thought she was going to die and that she and her fellow trekkers are fortunate to be alive. "We fought for survival and we were lucky," she told RDI, Radio-Canada's all-news network.

She said nobody in her

Climate change

Climate experts say rising global temperatures have contributed to avalanches in the Himalayas.

small group saw the avalanche coming. "It happened extremely quickly — within seconds, we were separated," Leveque said.

"Three people in our group were swept away (and) we tried to find them but there was about 20 metres of snow accumulated at the bottom of the avalanche."

The death toll in the tragedy was revised upward Thursday to 27, with four Canadians among the dead and others among the roughly 70 people missing.

Three Quebec women were reported missing, including Genevieve Adam. Her father feared the worst as he travelled to Nepal. His brother, Francois Adam, said Genevieve was asleep in her tent with other trekkers.

"What I know is that it happened at around four o'clock in the morning," he said. "She was sleeping, (and) bang! it hit and passed over them and they were carried down along with the avalanche." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Niagara River

Canadian woman tried to enter U.S. by kayak: Officials

A Canadian woman is in custody after American federal authorities say she tried to enter the U.S. illegally by kayaking across the Niagara River near Buffalo.

The Buffalo News reports that U.S. Border Patrol agents were alerted by Can-

adian police that a woman was kayaking across the river from Ontario toward Beaver Island State Park on Grand Island, N.Y., just north of Buffalo.

Officials say 32-year-old Olivia Leigh Suriani was apprehended as she approached a taxi near the park. She appeared before a U.S. magistrate in Buffalo on a charge of illegal re-entry.

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Cellphone encryption

FBI director warns new technology could derail probes

FBI Director James Comey warned in stark terms Thursday against the push by technology companies to encrypt smartphone data and operating systems, arguing that murder cases could be stalled, suspects could walk free and

justice could be thwarted by a locked phone or an encrypted hard drive. He singled out the recent announcements by Apple and Google that their new operating systems are encrypted.

Privacy advocates and technology experts called the concerns exaggerated and little more than recycled arguments the government has raised against encryption since the early 1990s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canadian Forces prepare to help fight ISIS

Canadian Forces members walk on the tarmac onto a waiting Airbus CC-150 Polaris at CFB Trenton before take-off, in Trenton, Ont., on Thursday. The advance group is responsible for initiating preparations for the Canadian Forces units that will deploy in Operation IMPACT in Kuwait and help fight the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pee in a cup, break a world record?

Sexually transmitted infections. Group attempts to test most people in 24 hours

MIKE
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Metro in London, Ont.

The student union at London, Ont.'s Fanshawe College was handing out cups Thursday, but they didn't contain coffee.

The area sees five cases of chlamydia a day, according to the Middlesex-London Health Unit, and so health workers are raising awareness by attempting to set a Guinness world record for the most tests for sexually transmitted infections in 24 hours.

The health unit will make two attempts, the first began Thursday at Fanshawe and the second will take place at nearby Western University on Tuesday. The record of 767 tests was set



Middlesex-London Health Unit worker Brittany Van Horik collects urine samples Thursday at Fanshawe College. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

in Basingstoke, England, on Valentine's Day in 2013.

Students at the University of Calgary attempted to break the record in April but were unsuccessful, recording 501 tests.

Students take a sample cup into the washroom and bring it back with urine. The sample will be tested for chlamydia and gonorrhea, and anyone with a positive result will be contacted.

"Chlamydia and gonorrhea

(positive results) are higher than the provincial average in Middlesex-London," said health promoter Chris Blain.

Among those being tested were nursing students Michael Cunha and Burcu Iltan.

"It's better to raise awareness," Iltan said. "As nursing students, that's ideally what we should be doing."

Cunha chimed in: "We should be an example and help alleviate the stigma."

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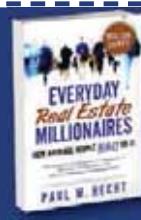


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Drone that sparked soccer brawl found

Flag flap. Albanian banner flown over Serbian fans sparked jeers, fights and attacks on players

Serbian police have found the drone that flew an Albanian nationalist banner over a

soccer stadium in Belgrade, igniting a brawl on the field and fuelling political tensions between Balkan rivals Serbia and Albania.

The small drone with four rotors — last seen being carried off by a Serb fan during the stadium brawl Tuesday night — will be checked to see where it was manufactured and purchased and who

could have flown it, police chief Nebojsa Stefanovic said.

He accused Albanians of being "exclusively" to blame for the clashes.

The violence broke out after the drone, dangling a map of Albania, enlarged to include chunks of several neighbours, circled over the field. The match was later abandoned.

UEFA, the governing body of European soccer, opened disciplinary cases against both countries over the game. Besides the brawls on the field, the Albanian anthem was loudly jeered by Serbian fans before the game in Belgrade, and derogatory chants were heard throughout. Serbian supporters also threw flares and other objects at

Albanian players, as well as attacking them on the field.

The Albanian Football Federation said its players were repeatedly hit by fans and police and had to endure offensive chants like "Kill the Albanians!"

It defended the Albanian players' decision not to continue the match.

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Historic feud

Serbia and Albania have been at odds for decades, mainly over Kosovo, a former ethnic Albanian-dominated Serbian province that declared independence in 2008. Serbia has never accepted that decision.

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Pistorius trial. Olympian must pay for his crime, victim's cousin pleads

Oscar Pistorius must "pay for what he's done" and his apology to the family of the girlfriend he killed was not sincere, a cousin of Reeva Steenkamp said Thursday as testimonies wrapped up.

Kim Martin spoke on the fourth day of the sentencing portion of the double-amputee Olympian's trial. Following the testimony and final arguments, Judge Thokozile Masipa will rule on the punishment for Pistorius after convicting him of culpable homicide for shooting Steenkamp through a washroom door in his home.

"My lady, I really believe the accused, Mr. Pistorius, needs

to pay for what he's done," Martin testified. "My family are not seeking revenge. We just feel to take somebody's life, to shoot somebody behind the door who is unarmed, who is harmless, needs sufficient punishment."

Just after court adjourned for lunch, Pistorius' sister Aimee became distraught, telling her family that a man behind her in the gallery had mouthed an obscenity at her.

Pistorius' brother, Carl, said he would inform police of the incident.

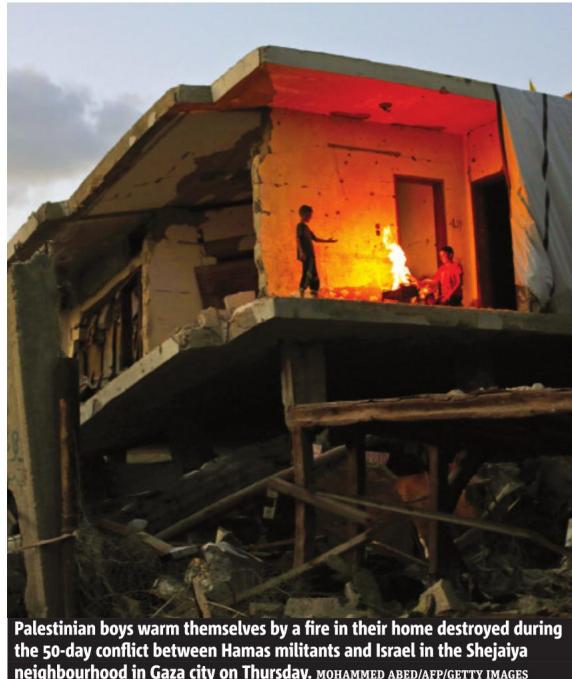
Pistorius faces up to 15 years in prison.

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Oscar Pistorius' sister Aimee leaves court Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palestinians fall two votes short of UN Security Council resolution



Palestinian boys warm themselves by a fire in their home destroyed during the 50-day conflict between Hamas militants and Israel in the Shejaiya neighbourhood in Gaza city on Thursday. MOHAMMED ABED/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Deadline for Israeli withdrawal. U.S. veto likely but nine-vote majority would be diplomatic victory

Palestinian officials said Thursday that their draft resolution setting November 2016 as the deadline for ending Israel's occupation of lands sought for a Palestinian state still doesn't have majority backing in the UN Security Council.

The draft is part of a series of Palestinian diplomatic campaigns at the United Nations. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has said he would present such a resolution to the 15-member council, but did not give a date. He and his advisers would consider a nine-vote majority in favour of the resolution as a diplomatic victory, even though the U.S. is likely to

Likely supporters

Currently, only seven Security Council members would likely vote for the resolution, according to senior PLO members Wasel Abu Yousef and Taysir Khaled.

- Those in favour are Russia, China, Jordan, Chad, Chile, Nigeria and Argentina, Khaled said.
- France and Luxembourg are being courted to reach nine votes.

veto and block such a resolution.

The draft resolution is an expression of Palestinian frustration with the repeated failure of U.S.-led negotiations with Israel on the terms of a Palestinian state. The last round broke down in the spring, after nine months of fruitless talks in which the

two sides couldn't agree on the ground rules.

The Palestinians want to set up a state in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem, lands Israel captured in 1967. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has refused to recognize the pre-1967 line as a basis for negotiations. The proposed Security Council resolution would set a deadline for an Israeli withdrawal.

On Wednesday evening, Abbas met with senior members of the Palestine Liberation Organization and his Fatah movement in Ramallah to discuss a request by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to put off any Security Council initiative until the beginning of next year, participants said.

Kerry made the request in a meeting with Abbas earlier this week, said senior PLO members Wasel Abu Yousef and Taysir Khaled.

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West Bank

13-year-old shot dead by Israeli troops

Palestinian police say a 13-year-old Palestinian boy has been shot dead by Israeli soldiers during a clash in the West Bank.

They say the soldiers opened fire after demonstrators threw stones and at least one Molotov cocktail at three Israeli army jeeps that entered the village of Beit Lykia near Ramallah.

Director Ahmed Betawai of the Ramallah Hospital said the boy was shot three times in the chest and died of his wounds about two hours after the incident.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military. Tensions between Israelis and Palestinians have spiked in recent days amid Palestinian charges that Israel is unfairly limiting access to Palestinian worshippers at a sensitive Jerusalem holy site. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A colder tone. Vatican waters down translation of gay welcome

The Vatican is watering down a groundbreaking overture to gays — but only if they speak English.

After a draft report by bishops debating family issues came under criticism from many conservative English-speaking bishops, the Vatican released a new English translation on Thursday.

A section initially entitled "Welcoming homosexuals" is now "Providing for homosexual persons," and the tone of the text is significantly colder.

The initial English version released Monday along with the original, accurately reflected the Italian version in both letter and spirit, and contained a remarkable tone of acceptance to gays.



Pope Francis greets a Vatican Swiss Guard on Thursday as he arrives for a morning session of a two-week synod on family issues, at the Vatican. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The other translations were similarly faithful to the Italian and didn't deviate in tone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court. Accused Clinton shoe-thrower to await sentence at mom's house

A U.S. federal judge on Thursday ordered a Phoenix woman accused of throwing a shoe at Hillary Rodham Clinton in Las Vegas to live with her mother in Arizona, while she awaits sentencing for trespassing.

Alison Michelle Ernst also was ordered not to have contact with any people or places protected by the Se-

cret Service.

Ernst, 36, has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor trespassing. A judge previously dismissed a misdemeanor charge.

U.S. District Magistrate Judge George Foley Jr. set a Dec. 17 date for Ernst to be sentenced. The maximum penalty is one year in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Parachutist to jump off bridge in a wheelchair

'So exhilarating.'
Canadian man to make 267-metre leap off West Virginia bridge

Plunging off a 267-metre-high bridge with only a parachute as a lifeline is nerve-wracking enough.

Canadian Lonnie Bissonnette does it in a wheelchair. He even sticks the landing.

Paralyzed below the waist since a 2004 parachuting accident, Bissonnette — a resident of St. Catharines, Ont. — will return to southern West Virginia for another chance to launch himself on wheels from the New River Gorge Bridge.

Tens of thousands of people will watch him along with scores of other parachutists, zip-liners and rappellers Saturday during the annual Bridge Day festival in Fayetteville.

"It's scary every single time for me," Bissonnette said. "And I think that's part of the lure, is the exhilaration after the jump. If I didn't have that fear before the jump, I think then the jump wouldn't be so exhilarating."

The New River Gorge Bridge, the third-highest bridge in the United States, opened in 1977. Bridge Day started three years later.

BASE jumpers from



This Oct. 19, 2013 photo provided by Vertical Visions shows Lonnie Bissonnette landing his wheelchair after going off the 267-metre-high New River Gorge Bridge during the Bridge Day festival in Fayetteville, W. Va.

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around the world flock there the third Saturday of every October, the only day of the year that the bridge is open to pedestrian traffic. BASE stands for building, antenna, span and Earth, the fixed objects from which jumpers

leap.

Matthew Kaye is a University of Vermont chemist and served with the National Guard in Afghanistan. He's made more than 300 skydives and 100 BASE jumps.

And he's scared of heights.

"Horrified," Kaye said. "I've been shot at. I've been rocketed. Nothing spooks me more than staring over the edge of an abyss."

He's one of about 450 BASE jumpers signed up to participate.

For experienced BASE jumpers looking for an extra kick, a steel catapult equipped with a seat will send some of them hurtling backward to start their journey.

"It allows them to relive their first jump all over again," said Bridge Day jump organizer and catapult designer Jason Bell. "You can see the fear in their eyes before launching."

Bissonnette is making his 19th trip to Bridge Day. Ten years ago while BASE jumping in Twin Falls, Idaho, his parachute lines tangled around his foot as he was doing a flip.

Despite being left paralyzed, he was BASE jumping again a year later.

He began using a standard wheelchair for BASE jumping in 2010. He's made about a dozen jumps with it — some at Bridge Day and others in Austria, China, Malaysia, Spain, and Twin Falls.

About half of his landings have sent him tumbling — his front wheels tend to dig into the ground and stop his momentum. Last year's Bridge Day landing, though, was perfect.

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Gordon Kamara, left, is sprayed by Konah Deno after they loaded into their ambulance six patients suspected to have been infected by the Ebola virus in the village of Freeman Reserve in Liberia. JEROME DELAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ebola deaths exceed 4,500

Out of control. With the total number of cases doubling every four weeks, more than 9,000 have been infected by the virus

The death toll from Ebola has surpassed 4,500 people from the 9,000 infected, while the outbreak is still out of control in three West African nations, a top official with the UN health agency said Thursday.

Dr. Isabelle Nuttall, director of the World Health Organization's (WHO) global capacities, alert and response, said new

numbers show the outbreak is still hitting health workers hard despite precautions — with 2,700 medical workers infected and 236 dead — mainly because Ebola victims are most contagious when near death.

Nuttall said the focus of the world's efforts should remain on the countries where the outbreak has spread out of control.

"Our data shows that cases are doubling every four weeks. The disease is still widespread in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and there is persistent transmission of the virus," she told a news conference in Geneva.

Although the effects of the crisis are increasingly being felt beyond its epicentre in West

Africa, until now two nurses in Dallas and a Madrid nursing assistant are the only ones known to have contracted Ebola outside the hot zone.

Nuttall added it will take months before the virus is contained, while the WHO has identified 14 African countries — a list including Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal, South Sudan and Nigeria — where being prepared for a potential outbreak and being able to contain it are top priorities.

"They've been chosen because either they have land borders with the affected countries ... or they have high travel or trade routes," Nuttall said.

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Questions. U.S. officials mull preparedness for domestic Ebola outbreaks

American health officials said Thursday they still don't know how two Dallas nurses caught Ebola from a patient, as criticism increased from lawmakers questioning if the U.S. is prepared to stop the virus from spreading.

Joel Charny, vice president of InterAction, an umbrella group for U.S. relief agencies, said people are more likely to donate when they foresee a happier conclusion, but due to the fear factor and nature of Ebola, it's harder for people to engage the cause.

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Mexican border too

Republican puts
Canadian border
in Ebola debate

The Canada-U.S. border was dragged into a U.S. congressional hearing today about the Ebola outbreak, as a Republican House member from Tennessee wondered aloud whether the borders with Canada and Mexico might need to be better secured.

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Air Canada

Flight attendants
can wear gloves

Air Canada's flight attendants won permission from the carrier to wear disposable gloves to help protect themselves from Ebola.

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A ban on travel to the U.S. from the Ebola-stricken countries, sought by some Republican lawmakers, is not under consideration, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said on Thursday.

Obama believes the U.S. already is taking the necessary steps to protect the public by screening passengers as they depart West Africa and again when they enter the U.S., Earnest said.

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Modest successes. Senegal and Nigeria are nearly Ebola-free: WHO

Health-care workers battling the Ebola outbreak that has killed more than 4,500 people in West Africa have managed to limit its spread on the continent to five countries — and two of them appear to have snuffed out the disease.

The developments constitute a modest success in an otherwise bleak situation.

Officials credit tighter border controls, good patient-tracking and other medical practices, and just plain luck with keeping

Ebola confined mostly to Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea since the outbreak was first identified nearly seven months ago.

Officials have touted successes in countries like Senegal and Nigeria, the latter of which the WHO hopes to declare outbreak-free on Monday.

Despite limiting the spread of the virus to new areas, the disease continues to ravage and overwhelm the health-care systems of Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

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Airstrikes 'not enough.' Syrian Kurdish say weapons needed for Kobani fighters

In its battle for the Syrian town of Kobani, the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) enjoys a key advantage: a supply of weapons, ammunition and fighters shuttling between Syria and Iraq.

The town's Syrian Kurdish defenders, while backed by airstrikes from the U.S.-led coalition, are outnumbered, poorly armed and squeezed against the unwelcoming Turkish border. Syrian Kurdish are increasing their appeals to better arm the defenders.

"We call upon the international community to open a humanitarian safe passage to allow in food, medicine, and weapons supplies," said Idriss Nassan, deputy

Strategic frontier town

"From the start, we said the coalition's airstrikes will not be able to save Kobani."

Idriss Nassan, of Kobani's foreign relations committee.

head of Kobani's foreign relations committee.

The Islamic State group launched its Kobani offensive in mid-September, capturing dozens of nearby Kurdish villages and a third of the town in advances that sent waves of civilians fleeing into Turkey. Kurdish militia were able to regain some of the positions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CSIS. Feds plan to expand anti-terror powers via overseas tracking

The Conservative government plans to amend the law governing the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to give the spy agency more authority to track terrorists overseas.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney says the terrorist threat has become more complex since the law was passed 30 years ago, adding it does not stop at Canada's border.

As expected, Blaney says

the government will also take steps to ensure CSIS can protect the identity of its sources.

Canada and other Western nations fear that citizens who travel overseas to take part in the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham's guerrilla-style battles could come home to do harm.

The plan to bolster security powers follows an RCMP statement that they have 63 investigations on 90 extremists. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

All eyes on Putin and Poroshenko at summit

Major summit. Asia-Europe summit of more than 50 countries (ASEM); Putin to meet western leaders on Ukraine conflict

Russian President Vladimir Putin is mounting a diplomatic blitz on the sidelines of a summit of European and Asian leaders in a bid to escape Russia's worst crisis with the West since the Cold War.

Putin on Friday will discuss Ukraine over breakfast with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and key European leaders on the sidelines of the 10th ASEM summit in Milan. He may also meet privately with Poroshenko.

The West has imposed a series of economic sanctions against Russia since its annexation of the Crimean Peninsula in March and its support for a pro-Russia insurgency in eastern Ukraine.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she expects to discuss a Ukraine cease-fire deal signed last month, which has reduced hostilities but failed to stop all fighting.

"It is above all Russia's task to say clearly that the



Ukrainian prisoners of war stand in the backyard of a government building in the town of Illovaysk, eastern Ukraine Thursday. Pro-Russian rebels brought to Illovaysk 20 Ukrainian POWs, captured during their retreat from Illovaysk 45 days ago. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Minsk plan is really respected," Merkel said as she arrived for the summit. "Unfortunately, there are still very, very big shortcomings. But it is important to seek dialogue here."

Putin, in Belgrade en route to Milan, said he hoped to resolve a gas pricing dispute between Russia and Ukraine.

Much of the Russian gas supplied to the EU passes

through pipelines crossing Ukraine, and Putin warned that Russia would cut supplies intended for Europe if Ukraine siphons off gas intended for Europe.

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If disaster strikes, Kansas kids are ready

Phillip Duncan rehearses the earthquake drill procedure with the rest of his third grade class at McNabb Elementary School in Paducah, Ky., on Thursday. Millions participated Thursday in the simulated disaster drill that began in 2008 in California and has since spread to other states and countries.

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Comet's flypast a once-in-12,500 lifetimes event

Rare cosmic event.

Siding Spring expected to get closer to Earth this weekend than any other comet in recorded history



Comet C/2013 A1, a.k.a Siding Spring. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The heavens are hosting an event this weekend that occurs once in a million years or so.

A comet as hefty as a small mountain will pass mind-bogglingly close to Mars on Sunday. NASA's five robotic explorers at Mars — three orbiters and two rovers — are being repurposed to witness a comet named Siding Spring make its first known visit to the inner solar system. So are a European

in the house, although a dust storm on Mars could obscure the view.

On Earth, the best viewing, via binoculars or telescope, will be from the Southern Hemisphere — South Africa and Australia will be in prime position. In the Northern Hemisphere, it will be difficult to see Siding Spring slide by Mars.

and an Indian spacecraft circling the red planet.

The orbiting craft will attempt to observe the incoming iceball, then hide behind Mars for protection from potentially dangerous dusty debris in the comet tail. Shielded by the Martian atmosphere, the Opportunity and Curiosity rovers may well have the best seats

For comparison, the flyby distance is about one-third of the way from here to the moon.

Siding Spring's tail could extend from Earth all the way to our moon. Its gaseous coma, the fuzzy head surrounding the nucleus, might stretch halfway to the moon. No comet has come anywhere near this close to Earth in recorded history.

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Bahrain. Activist detained for 'insulting' the king by ripping up photograph

A Bahraini activist who is eight months pregnant was detained for "insulting" the king after she tore up his photograph in court, a human rights organization said Thursday.

Human Rights Watch said Zainab al-Khawaja appeared before a Bahraini court to face charges related to two previous incidents in which she had torn up photographs of the king. Once in the courtroom on Wednesday, she pulled out and ripped up another photograph of the monarch.

The rights group said that during her court appearance, al-Khawaja "took a photo of King Hamad, ripped it up, and placed it in front of the judge, who immediately adjourned the hearing. Authorities arrested her immediately

ly and she spent the night in Isa Town detention centre."

She was ordered detained for seven days on charges of insulting the head of state.

Amnesty International said al-Khawaja could face up to seven years in prison if convicted. Human Rights Watch said she could also face a fine of up to \$26,500.

She previously spent almost a year in prison on a number of charges, including taking part in illegal protests and insulting police officers, before being released in February.

Her father, prominent activist Abdulhadi al-Khawaja, is serving a life sentence for his role in the 2011 protests by majority Shiites demanding greater rights from the Sunni-led government.

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In this photo taken Sept. 6, Bahraini opposition activist Zainab al-Khawaja checks her cellphone as she waits to hear about her detained sister, Maryam al-Khawaja, outside the court in Manama, Bahrain.

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Hong Kong leader offers talks to student protesters

Anger mounts over police violence.

Increasingly bitter political standoff

Hong Kong's leader tried to soothe tensions with student-led democracy protesters Thursday by reviving an offer of talks, though public anger over a video of police kicking a handcuffed activist complicates efforts to end an increasingly bitter political standoff.

Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying said the government is ready to meet with student leaders as soon as next week, but urged them to be pragmatic, reiterating that Beijing will not change its mind on election restrictions. That raised doubts that the proposed meeting can overcome the vast differences between the two sides.

Alex Chow of the Hong Kong Federation of Students welcomed Leung's offer but criticized the government for setting preconditions. Many other demonstrators gathered in the main protest zone echoed his view.

"I paid attention to what (Leung) said but I couldn't find anything constructive. He didn't say anything new and I don't think it is going to break this deadlock," said Tong Wing-ho, 26.

Tensions between the authorities and the protesters



A pro-democracy protester plays guitar in a tent at an occupied area near government headquarters in Hong Kong Thursday. VINCENT YIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

have escalated in the past few days as riot police armed with pepper spray and batons moved to retake some occupied streets.

Many residents were outraged after a group of police officers was caught on camera early Wednesday kicking a protester with his hands cuffed behind his back. The seven officers, who have been suspended, were among hundreds battling with activists for two nights in a row over control of a busy road next to

city government headquarters and near the protesters' main occupation zone.

"As long as students or other sectors in Hong Kong are prepared to focus on this issue, yes we are ready, we are prepared to start the dialogue," Leung told reporters, adding that middlemen, whom he did not identify, had been in touch with student protest leaders to convey the government's wishes.

The protesters have taken over major roads and streets

in business and shopping districts across the city since Sept. 26 to press for a greater say in choosing the semi autonomous Chinese city's leader in an inaugural direct election, promised for 2017.

Leung did not directly respond to questions about when police will move in to clear the sites, though he said that while authorities have tolerated the civil disobedience movement until now, it "cannot go on indefinitely."

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Top U.S. diplomat flying commercially (again)

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En route home Secretary of State John Kerry grounded in Vienna

The United States may be the mightiest military and economic power in the world but when it comes to shuttling its top diplomat around the globe,

it's beginning to look like a poor orphan.

For the fourth time this year — and the second time in three months, Secretary of State John Kerry was forced to fly home commercially when his aging Air Force Boeing 757, known in military parlance as a C-32, was grounded on Thursday with a mechanical problem in Vienna.

Kerry, heading back to

Washington from nuclear talks with senior European and Iranian officials, made light of the situation, telling aides: "If the hardest thing that happens in a given day is that you have to fly commercial, your life is pretty good."

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif chuckled when he learned of Kerry's predicament. "So it is not just our planes," Zarif said.

Iran hasn't been able to refurbish its pre-1979 fleet of Boeing aircraft because of heavy U.S. sanctions.

Officials say far more than appearance is at stake, particularly in the midst of multiple world crises like Ebola, the military campaign against Islamic State militants, the crisis in Ukraine, Israeli-Palestinian relations and, yes, the Iran nuclear talks. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in Vienna, Austria, Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia. Two American journalists detained briefly for teaching workshop

Two American journalists were briefly detained in Russia and taken to court Thursday for teaching an investigative journalism workshop. Both were found guilty of violating visa regulations, authorities said.

The New England Center for Investigative Reporting said that its co-founder, Joe Bergantino, and University of South Carolina professor Randy Covington, were detained for several hours by immigration authorities as they began teaching their first workshop in St. Petersburg. The group quoted Bergantino as saying that he and Covington were in Russia for a two-day training workshop with 14 Russian journalists.

The Federal Migration Service in St. Petersburg said in a statement the men were taken to court and found guilty of "violating the visa regime" because their activities in Russia "did not correspond to the stated purpose of their visit."

Free to leave

Bergantino and Covington, who had tourist visas, were told they couldn't continue teaching, but were free to leave the country as scheduled Saturday, the New England Center for Investigative Journalism said. It said the visas the two journalists held were the type recommended by the U.S. State Department for that visit.

Asked if the U.S. was concerned about what had happened to them, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said: "They were there to do a training that we sponsored, so I think our preference would have been for them not to be detained, I think it's fair to say. But they've been released. I think we're ready to move forward." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Mini-golf course

Man convicted of fatal stabbing with putter

A 21-year-old has been convicted of manslaughter in the death of a man at a Barrie, Ont., mini-golf course who was stabbed in the neck with a broken putter.

Forty-two-year-old Bradley Hubbard, of Collingwood, Ont., was fatally attacked at the indoor golfing facility in August 2011.

Matthew Spring admitted stabbing Hubbard, but says he did it to protect his brother during a fight. On Thursday the jury found Spring not guilty of a second-degree murder charge. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hot dog!

Irish worker wins \$25K for illicit snack

An Irish cinema may have just bought the world's most expensive hot dog for an unfairly fired worker.

Ireland's employment appeals court on Thursday ordered Dublin's Cineworld to pay Carl Meade 20,000 euros (\$25,640 US) for canning him over his illicit discount on a workplace snack. Cineworld said it used surveillance footage to show Meade buying an extra-large hot dog, but paying only for a regular, and taking a slightly pricier brand of candy than what appeared on his signed receipt. The difference in cost between what he bought, and what he consumed? One euro. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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BEY GETS BANGS, AND OTHER TOP NEWS

1 Movember. It's that time of year again for Mo Bros and Mo Sistas to get involved in Movember's awesome campaign to change the face of men's health. Help spark conversation and raise funds by signing up for Movember this year. Go solo or form a team. Sign up at Movember.com and follow them on Twitter @movemberca.

2 Seth Rogen's mom. There has to be a punchline when a comedian's parent tries to figure out social media. Take Seth Rogen's mom Sandy, for example. Her series of LOL tweets included "i am trying to tweet a picture and i can't. and if you answer me i can't figure out how to see it. seth call me." Seth's tweet response/punchline: "My mom @RogenSandy is not adapting to her new role as a Twitter giant just yet."

3 Dallas Green & Pink? In seemingly the most unlikely of collaborations, Canada's indie-rocker Dallas Green (a.k.a. City



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and Colour) and Alecia Moore (a.k.a. pop star Pink) released a country-folksy album this week called Rose Ave. under the moniker You+Me. Recorded over eight days, it's actually terrific, and these friends could have one of the breakout indie albums of the year.

4 Sexiest tired person. 40-year-old Penelope Cruz was chosen by Esquire as this year's Sexiest Woman Alive in its new November issue. But as Penelope (mother of two young children) told the magazine, she feels more like a "mother who doesn't get enough sleep." In other words, Esquire should have called this the Sexiest Most Exhausted Mother Alive.

5 R.I.P. Ralph the Programme Guy. For decades, Raphael Platner — a.k.a. Ralph the Programme Guy — was a fixture in his tight athletic shorts and thick-framed glasses selling programmes at Toronto sporting and entertainment events. He died recently at age 67, and

as sports personality Mark Hebscher noted in an eloquent blog post on Ralph, "He may have been Toronto's greatest witness to sports history."

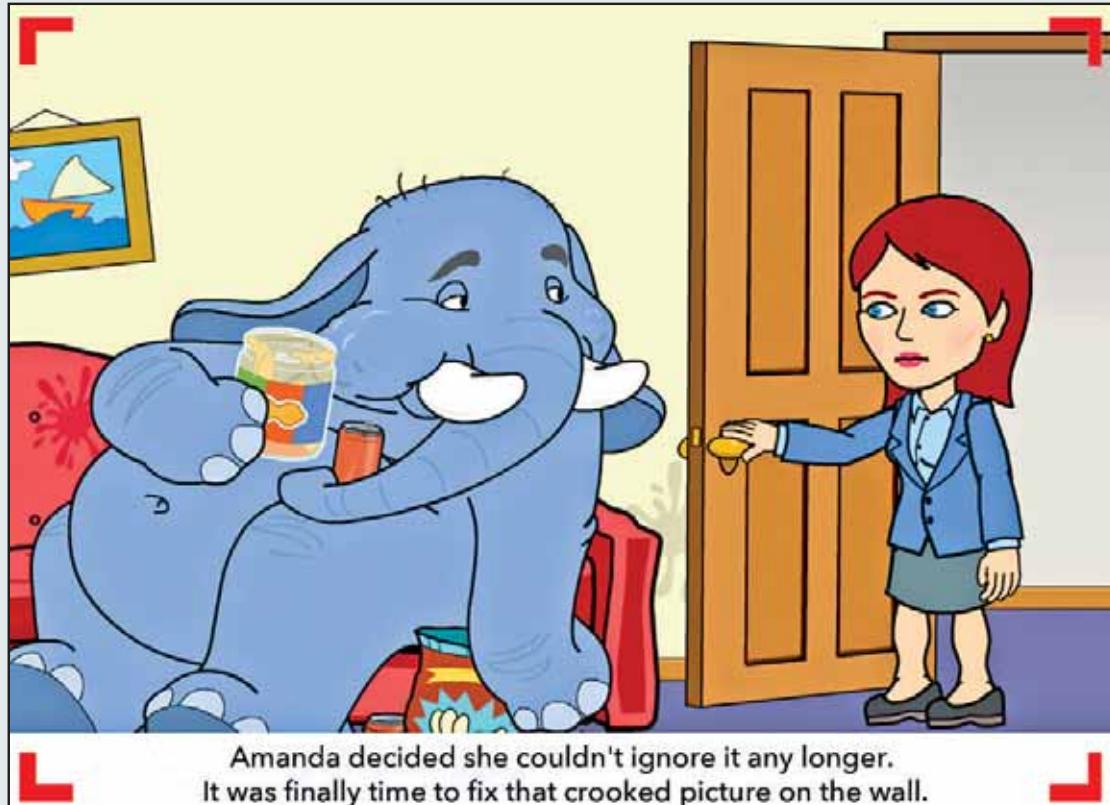
6 Arresting humour. Standup comedian Adam Newman was performing at Upright Citizens Brigade theatre in New York when NYPD police officers doing an arrest there interrupted his set. Newman improvised and attempted to bring the cops into his standup act, to which one responded, "Shut the f—up." In other words, possibly the best heckler of all time during a comic act.

7 Beyoncé's bangs. Paparazzi pics showing Beyoncé sporting a new Bettie Page 'do left some people scratching their heads and others pulling out their hair on social media over the style. Really now, all this fuss over a new hairstyle is just a tad ridiculous. But this is the pop culture world we live in. George Clooney just needs to tweet a picture of himself in a wrinkled Armani suit and we can all move on.

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A dirty, depraved look at war

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



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AR Brad Pitt takes on another war movie. Scan this photo with your Metro News app to see some explosive, intense, behind-the-scenes action from the set of Fury. CONTRIBUTED

Fury. Beneath the mud and body parts is a primal film that refuses to glamorize the Second World War

Richard: Mark, Fury is a brutal war film with exciting and well-executed battle sequences, but its most vicious scene takes place over a meal, at a table set with a lace tablecloth. It happens midway in the

film after the crew has captured a German town. Once bullets stop flying, two local women prepare a meal for Wardaddy and Norman. The long scene begins with tension as the ladies try to figure out if the Nazi hunters mean them harm, but when the core group crowds around the table it becomes something akin to a surreal family dinner where real humanity, or lack thereof, is laid bare. It could have stopped the movie dead, but instead is a welcome interlude

that showcases the effects of battle on a tightly knit but disparate group of men.

Mark: Yes, Richard, it's an excruciating scene, and I mean that in the best way. What I liked about it was the way it disposed of the "greatest generation" mythology and showed American soldiers as borderline rapists and sadists. Not Pitt, of course, who is just and fair, but some of the soldiers who saved us from the Nazis were swine themselves. It is a depressing

irony in a film that's too tough for irony. I admired the general toughness of the movie. War is not glamorized; it's shown to be a cesspool of degradation, a literal mud bath.

RC: The mud budget and the cost of the fake body parts that litter the battlefield must have rivalled Pitt's salary. Those are the details, however, that give the movie so much of its grit. The dinner scene helps open the movie up and keep it from be-

Synopsis

Set in April 1945, Fury sees hard-bitten commander "Wardaddy" Collier (Brad Pitt) lead a U.S. 2nd armoured division tank nicknamed Fury through Germany in the final days of the Second World War. His crew, "Bible" Swan (Shia LaBeouf, once again acting opposite giant machines), Gordo (Michael Peña) and redneck Grady (Jon Bernthal), have fought together since the beginning of the war. When Norman Ellison (Logan Lerman), a new gunner recruit with no battle experience, signs on, he must fit in or endanger the entire crew. "You are no use to me if you can't kill krauts," says Wardaddy.

- **Richard:** •••••
- **Mark:** •••••

coming Das Boot on land, but I was fascinated by the tank interiors. A sense of claustrophobia, tension and fear percolates inside the tank cab and literally bleeds off the screen. It helps that the performances are very strong, but it's the primal feeling of being trapped inside the small space that gives the movie much of its oomph.

MB: Yes, I couldn't get into the elevator after I saw the film.

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Schwartzman embraces playing an insufferable jerk



Jason Schwartzman is a rude, dismissive novelist in Listen Up Philip. CONTRIBUTED

Listen Up Philip. Actor contemplated making film's protagonist a little more likable, but then just went full-throttle despicable

MATT
PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

When he received the script for Listen Up Philip, Jason Schwartzman was taken aback both by the material — in which he plays a novelist who consciously decides to be more of an a-hole, including to his girlfriend (Elisabeth Moss) — and the size of the script. It was as big as a phone book.

"It was very well-written — which I admire, because a lot of scripts aren't. They're just blueprints, just to get simple ideas across," says Schwartzman.

"But Alex's read like you could just read it and not have to see the movie, in a weird way. The pleasure of reading it was nice, but very uncomfortable."

That's a good thing, too, since Schwartzman wound up rereading it often. Jeff Goldblum, a fellow actor in The Grand Budapest Hotel, gave him advice. "He told me when he gets a job, he reads the script every day, from

start to finish. That could be 40 times he might read a script. I decided I wanted to try that, to read the Jeff Goldblum way," he says. Part of that was out of necessity. "It's so dense, there's so much dialogue. It's only going to work if you know it and can say it fast."

He had to contend with playing a character who, for most people, will be unlikable: rude and dismissive and insulting, burning bridges because he feels he can, who idolizes a miserable, Philip Roth-like hero (Jonathan Pryce). But softening him, Schwartzman argues, would make him worse.

"Every time we'd experiment with making him more likable, we'd make him more unlikable, because he became passive-aggressive — which I feel is the worst. If you're passive-aggressive, that's the lowest," Schwartzman says. "It became great that Philip was so direct and clear. You kind of always knew where you stood with him. There's something fun about that.

If the character was saying mean things only here and there, it'd be a different movie. But it's so extreme, it's in the red. You just had to say, 'F— it, this is going to be in the red. Let's just play it loud.'

Not that his better half is all that better. Moss told Schwartzman that she wanted to play her character, Ash-

Quoted

"You just had to say, 'F— it, this is going to be in the red. Let's just play it loud."

Jason Schwartzman on deciding to fully embrace how mean and awful his character was in Listen Up Philip.

ley, like a version of Philip.

"They're not that different. Even though she's sweeter, she, too, is self-consumed. She wouldn't be an easy person to date," he says.

By the time they were on-set they were arguing, almost in character. "I was sticking up for Philip, whose actions are sometimes just terrible. And I said, 'Look, you don't exactly make it easy.' I only saw it from his point of view."

If Philip has any redeeming qualities, it's that he wasn't always this way. "Alex and I talked about him as a guy who was drinking a little bit, then drinking a little bit more, and then drinking a little bit more, and before you knew it he was addicted," reveals Schwartzman.

"Maybe in the beginning he's experimenting with being so brutally mean and cruel, and it slowly overtakes him before he realizes he's lost touch."

Listen Up Philip opens in select theatres this month.

The appeal of the bad relationship

Elisabeth Moss.

Actress on the appeal of jerks and her own character's hang-ups in Listen Up Philip

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

The script for Listen Up Philip grabbed Elisabeth Moss from the opening scene. It starts with its titular young novelist (ultimately played by Jason Schwartzman) blowing up on a reliably late ex-girlfriend. Moss' character, Ashley, isn't immune to his hostility; she's his girlfriend, and she's taken aback when he suddenly, thanks to his new book, ups his a—holishness and dumps her. The experience wasn't itself unpleasant; she's already reunited with writer-director Alex Ross Perry for the thriller Queen of Earth, which just wrapped.

So much of the press for this has involved what a jerk

Philip is. But Schwartzman gives him at least notes of vulnerability.

I knew Jason would bring humour and humanity. He wanted him to be somebody you wanted to watch. He couldn't be so miserable that you didn't want to watch him. I remember saying to Jason, "I don't know how to describe this to you, but you're going to be fine. You're so interesting to watch, and he's such an interesting character. People are going to want to watch you do this."

Still, it's not like your character is just a doormat. She has issues, too.

We asked, "How are these two people together?" We don't really show them happy. We only show them when they're not doing well. Then we started filming and we realized there's so much of Philip in Ashley: the way she can isolate herself and how she's independent and strong-willed. She can be grumpy, too. That's probably what drew them together in the first place.



Elisabeth Moss stars in Listen Up Philip, which opens in select markets this month. CONTRIBUTED

The only difference is Ashley doesn't carry that into her relationship. Philip does.

She's able to realize he's just a jerk.

I loved the idea of this woman going, "Wait a second, you're an a—hole, and I don't want to

be treated like that." She wakes up and goes, "You're just not a nice person."

He's still hard for her to shake, even after he's been unbelievably terrible to her.

That's the nature of relationships. Even if you're with

someone you shouldn't be, you still love them. You still have an attachment to them.

Though Philip wasn't always this cruel, it's hard imagining him ever being nice.

He becomes more of an a—hole as he gets successful. It

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"Sometimes the things that attract you to someone are the things that make you break up with them."

Elisabeth Moss on the attractiveness of a—holes.

brings out the worst in him. But his misanthropic nature was probably attractive in the beginning. Because he is funny. He's an a—hole but not just in a douchey way. He's quite smart about it. That attracted her to him at first. And then it turns on her. She's like, "It was funny when you were talking about other people, but now that you're talking about me, this no longer works for me."

A—holishness can be attractive.

Exactly. Sometimes the things that attract you to someone are the things that make you break up with them. "This was super-cute at first, but you're just a d—."

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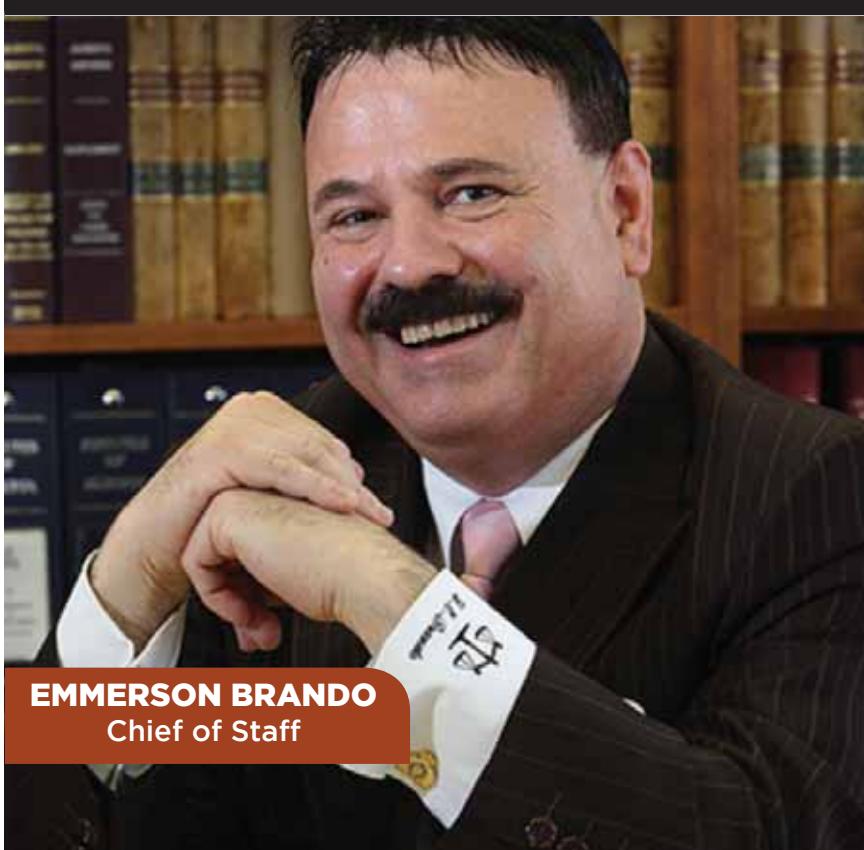
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Why we page the spirit world



Ouija opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Ouija. Another film about the cardboard conduit to the other side is being released, which prompts the question: Why does a silly game freak us out so much?

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The defining mystery of our species is what happens after our heart stops beating; after our warm shell turns cold and life ceases to be.

Indeed, questions surrounding death serve as the foundations of our life and the idea that life can exist after death is the root source of all our mythology.

But if people can exist posthumously, if souls exist and continue to be trapped in some kind of spectral plane, how would we reach them? More importantly — how could they reach us?

Enter the Ouija board.

The Ouija, that mysterious alphanumerical board game, has, since it first became commercially available in 1891, fascinated and terrified those who have dared to make contact with the dead, either on a lark or with serious intent.

The board itself was named after early investors in the product sat around with their fingers on the "planchette" (the pear-shaped wooden device meant to channel ghosts) and asked the spirits what they should

call the new gimmick.

Reportedly, unseen forces then pushed them to collectively spell out O-U-I-J-A followed by a slide to the phrase "good luck." That was enough of a sign, and the Ouija board was officially christened.

Its powers now largely debunked, the Ouija board has long been a staple of parties, especially popular amongst giddy teens trying to out-spoof each other amidst binges of junk food and late-night horror movie marathons, but there was a time when the Ouija board was thought to be a legitimate conduit to the ether.

Those mourning their deceased loved ones, finding no solace in prayer or religion, would seek out the board in an attempt to find comfort and closure. And real or not, the idea of the Ouija board is still potent enough that even the most sophisticated individual might break a sweat when clustered together with a group of people, hands employing centrifugal force to make the board "talk."

That's the idea behind director Stiles White's new thriller Ouija, opening next week and the latest in a long line of horror films that have mined the mysteries of the purportedly haunted, mass-marketed "talking board."

Films like:

13 Ghosts (1960)

Gimmick-master William Castle's goofy horror classic in which Ghost Viewers were exploited to see the spooks onscreen, boasts only one legitimately frightening scene, when the family hunkers down in their new house

and drags out the Ouija. As the music swells, the tone in the room turns from jovial to jarring as the walls rattle and the board steers itself to swear violent death to all those in the home.

The Exorcist (1973)

Fans of this essential fright flick tend to cite the more visceral moments of self-abuse and pea-soup puking, but for our money, the eeriest moment occurs when young Regan (Linda Blair) tells her mom plainly that someone or something named "Captain Howdy" is speaking to her through her Ouija board.

Witchboard (1986)

The most famous of all Ouija board shockers, in which future O.J. Simpson squeeze Tawny Kitaen messes around with the game and opens up a spectral portal to Hell, getting possessed by a malevolent spirit in the process.

A major hit with gullible kids in the 1980s, the film spawned several lame sequels and spiked Ouija board sales worldwide.

What Lies Beneath (2000)

This undervalued suspense masterclass has a pivotal plot arc when a harried housewife (Michelle Pfeiffer), convinced her home is haunted, goes to her local discount store to buy a Ouija board and proceeds to use it ... in the bathroom, of all places.

Like Pfeiffer does in that film, you, too, can pick up a Ouija board for a few bucks at any local store that stocks board games. But the question remains: should you?

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Drama/Action

**Dracula Untold**

Director. Gary Shore (IV)

Stars. Luke Evans, Sarah Gadon

Luke Evans (Fast & Furious 6, Immortals) stars in Dracula Untold, the origin story of the man who became Dracula. Gary Shore directs and Michael De Luca produces the epic action-adventure that co-stars Sarah Gadon, Dominic Cooper, and Diarmuid Murtagh.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics:  29% Audience:  96%

Drama, Action/Adventure

**The 100-year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared**

Director. Felix Herngren

Stars. Ivar Wiklander, Robert Gustafsson

Based on the internationally best-selling novel by Jonas Jonasson, the unlikely story of a 100-year-old man who decides it's not too late to start over. For most people it would be the adventure of a lifetime, but Allan Karlsson's unexpected journey is not his first.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics:  68% Audience:  80%

Music/Performing Arts

**Kill The Messenger**

Director. Michael Cuesta

Stars. Jeremy Renner, Rosemarie DeWitt

Two-time Academy Award nominee Jeremy Renner (The Bourne Legacy) leads an all-star cast in a dramatic thriller based on the remarkable true story of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Gary Webb. Webb stumbles onto a story which leads to the shady origins of the men who started the crack epidemic on the nation's streets.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics:  69% Audience:  94%

Mystery/Suspense

**Gone Girl**

Director. David Fincher

Stars. Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck

Gone Girl is based upon the global bestseller by Gillian Flynn — uncovers the secrets at the heart of a modern marriage. On the occasion of his fifth wedding anniversary, Nick Dunne (Ben Affleck) reports that his beautiful wife, Amy (Rosamund Pike), has gone missing. Under pressure from the police and a growing media frenzy, Nick's portrait of a blissful union begins to crumble. Did Nick Dunne kill his wife?

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics:  86% Audience:  98%

Drama/Comedy

**Men, Women & Children**

Director. Jason Reitman

Stars. Kaitlyn Dever, Rosemarie DeWitt

Men, Women & Children follows the story of a group of high school teenagers and their parents as they attempt to navigate the many ways the internet has changed their relationships, their communication, their self-image, and their love lives. The film attempts to stare down social issues such as video game culture, anorexia, infidelity and fame hunting.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics:  32% Audience:  84%

Drama

**The Best of Me**

Director. Michael Hoffman

Stars. Michelle Monaghan, James Marsden

Based on the bestselling novel by Nicholas Sparks, The Best of Me tells the story of Dawson and Amanda, two former high school sweethearts who find themselves reunited after 20 years apart, when they return to their small town for the funeral of a beloved friend. Their bitter-sweet reunion reignites the love they've never forgotten, but soon they discover the forces that drove them apart 20 years ago live on.

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Kids in the Hall vet still a punk at heart

Bruce McCulloch.

Comic's new memoir reveals his insecurities

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Bruce McCulloch is called many things: funny, witty and on occasion, offensive. Rarely

do words like "heartfelt" enter into the equation.

Yet it's the most appropriate way to describe the Kids in the Hall member's new book, Let's Start a Riot: How a Young Drunk Punk Became a Hollywood Dad.

"I think I'm this soulful guy who really loves people, but people don't think of me that way," he says. "Maybe it comes out a little bit in the book."

Essentially an autobiography, Let's Start a Riot follows McCulloch's life from growing up a "loser in a jean jacket" in Calgary to his life today.

Its genesis was a story he wrote for Calgary's Swerve Magazine called The Mouse and I. That blossomed into a one-man show called Young Drunk Punk, from which he pulled many of the book's stories. A television show written

by and starring McCulloch is currently in production.

"The only reason I ever do anything is to connect with people," he says. "To write a story is one thing, but when you perform for other people, you can feel what's connecting with them."

On stage, he saw that audiences were connecting with the family theme, so he made that the focus of his book.

Quoted



"I think I'm this soulful guy who really loves people, but people don't think of me that way."

Comic and actor Bruce McCulloch

'Same weird outsider'

- Despite his success, McCulloch still considers himself the young drunk punk he describes in his book. "As a 50-year-old doing a notes call with NBC, I still feel like the same weird outsider I did when I was 18 years old."

- That feeling of not fitting in is what drives the best comedy. "Everyone I know was a weirdo and a self-confessed loser at some point in their lives," he says. "There's the point of view of 'None of what you people are doing makes any sense.' I think that's the defining characteristic of every comedian I know."

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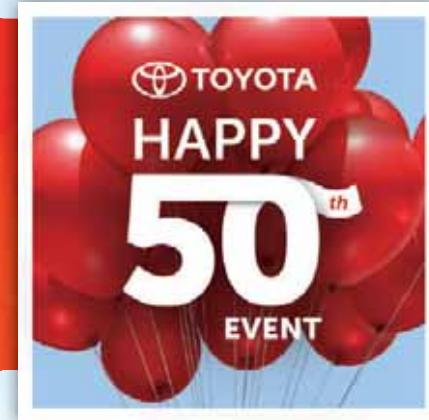
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Legendary stuntman Evel Knievel must be rolling in his grave watching today's daredevils.

From everyday bungee-jumpers to Jackass star Steve-O crossing an alligator pond with chicken in his underwear, nobody today touches the legacy of the man holding the world record for "most bones broken." The American icon (who arrived nearly four decades ago jumping his motorbike over a box of rattlesnakes) is experiencing a revival of sorts — with a Channing Tatum movie in the works, and a documentary premiering on HBO Canada this Saturday. We caught up to *I Am Evel Knievel* filmmaker Derik Murray to discuss the daredevil's most historic stunts

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Evel Knievel jumps the fountains at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, in this Dec. 31, 1967, photo. LAS VEGAS NEWS BUREAU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Caesars Palace Jump (1967)

The most iconic crash of his career, then little-known Knievel made a perfect jump over the Vegas hotel's fountain only to crash — the infamous footage of which was filmed by then-unknown actress Linda Evans (who later starred on the '80s hit soap-opera *Dynasty*).

Injuries: Concussion, crushed pelvis and femur, several fractures

A crazy jumper is born

"Here's this guy attempting this absolutely crazy jump over the fountain and the net result was he crashed. Effectively on that day, Evel Knievel was born."

I Am Evel Knievel filmmaker Derik Murray

Snake River Canyon Jump (1974)

After two failed test launches, Knievel attempted to traverse this mile-wide Idaho canyon on the specially engineered, steam-powered Skycycle. Although his parachute deployed early, bringing the stuntman safely down, it remains an iconic event.

Injuries: None

Rocket man

"A lot of people thought he was making a big mistake. Up until this point, no one's gone back and done it, so that says something about him right there."

I Am Evel Knievel filmmaker Derik Murray



Evel Knievel is shown in his Skycycle rocket on Sept. 8, 1974, before his attempt at a highly promoted leap across Snake River Canyon in Idaho.

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A year before his Wembley jump, Evel Knievel sailed over seven Mack trucks during a practice jump at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Wembley Stadium Jump (1975)

Although he reportedly had mechanical issues with his bike, Knievel still attempted to clear 13 single-deck buses at England's Wembley Stadium. Suffering debilitating injuries, he famously refused to be taken away by medics.

Injuries: Broken back and pelvis

The jump that broke the Knievel's back

"For the most part, he knew he wasn't going to make it. He broke his back (but) walked all the way back up the ramp and (said) to the 80,000 people in the stadium he would never, ever jump again."

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Men in Shorts

New ABC comedy is based on gay pro soccer player

ABC plans to take a humorous approach to a delicate subject in Men in Shorts, a comedy inspired by Robbie Rogers, the first openly gay man to play in a top-level North American pro sports league.

The project is inspired

by the story of Rogers, the American soccer player who came out of the closet on his blog last February, at age 25, after a stint with the English team Leeds United.

Simultaneously, the midfielder announced he was retiring from soccer. But a few months later, he changed his mind, joined the Los Angeles Galaxy and announced he hoped to use the platform to become a role model. **APP**

Secrets revealed

Twin Peaks book updates the story before TV sequel

The eerie TV town of Twin Peaks will soon be available between the covers.

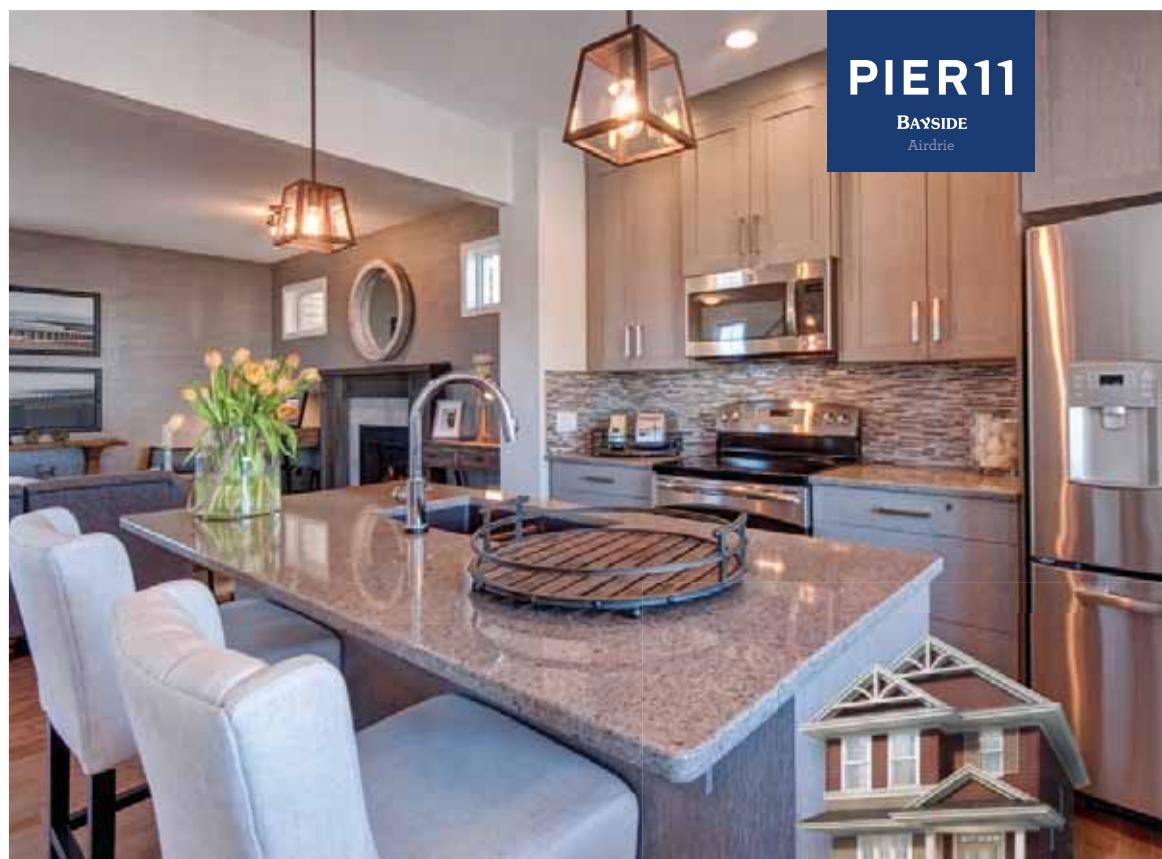
Flatiron Books will publish The Secret Lives of Twin Peaks, a novel that promises to reveal what has happened to the residents of that mythical

burg since they were last seen on the groundbreaking ABC series, which aired in 1990-91.

The publisher said Thursday the book is being written by Mark Frost, who was co-creator and executive producer of the series with David Lynch.

It will be published in advance of the Showtime sequel announced last week, which will begin airing in 2016.

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J.K. Rowling has agreed to write three new movies. **GETTY IMAGES FILE**

J.K. Rowling. More magic from Harry Potter author

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling is working on three new wizard-based movies to be released starting in 2016, Warner Bros. has announced.

The first, Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, will be directed by David Yates, who directed the last four Harry Potter movies, and reunite the filmmaking team.

It is described as "set in an extension of her familiar wizarding world, featuring magical creatures and characters inspired by Harry Potter's Hogwarts textbook and its fictitious author."

A second movie is set for release in 2018 and a third in

2021, the studio said.

Rowling, who has sold more than 450 million copies of the Harry Potter books, announced in September that Warner had approached her about doing Fantastic Beasts.

"I thought it was a fun idea, but the idea of seeing Newt Scamander, the supposed author of Fantastic Beasts, realized by another writer was difficult."

"Having lived for so long in my fictional universe, I feel very protective of it," she said, explaining her decision to write the screenplay.

No word on who will direct or star in the films. **APP**

Steve Jobs. Bale may play Apple tech guru in biopic

Two weeks after Leonardo DiCaprio turned down the role, Christian Bale is on his way to playing Apple co-founder Steve Jobs.

The Hollywood Reporter says the British actor was in Sony's sights for the role at the start of the project.

Bale has now entered negotiations with the studio following an unexpected opening in his schedule.

For several months, the actor has been attached to headline The Deep Blue Goodbye, which Fox hopes to turn into a multi-film franchise. Negotiations recently hit a roadblock due to his reluctance to commit to the sequels. Bale's talks with Fox have since resumed, after the studio agreed to leave the sequel option out of the contract.



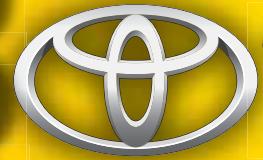
In any case, Bale would film the Steve Jobs biopic before The Deep Blue Goodbye.

To be directed by Danny Boyle, the film on the late tech guru will be based on a screenplay by Aaron Sorkin (The Social Network) adapted from Walter Isaacson's biography Steve Jobs. **APP**

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The Ship/ Black Rivers

This spinoff band from Manchester's The Doves plans to release a debut album sometime in 2015. But if you pre-order the album from the band's website, you can download this track on Nov. 3.



Please go home/ Daniel Franzese

Sam Smith's Stay With Me is everywhere and, although it's a fine song, its ubiquity is getting a little annoying. Time for an antidote by Daniel Franzese that looks at the issue from the other direction.

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This is a big game on a tiny screen. Everything you'd expect from the consoles is packed in here. There are multiple modes and mini-games, ridiculous events at hyper speed, and the delight of discovering each fighter's unique powers. Watching Olmer pull up fighting Pikmen, or Mario deflect shots with his cape, is gleefully rewarding. But on a tiny screen, the action is harder to follow. There's no party without friends owning the game, so you're just practice-smashing and being nostalgic, alone. That makes it a small game after all. **KRIS ABEL**



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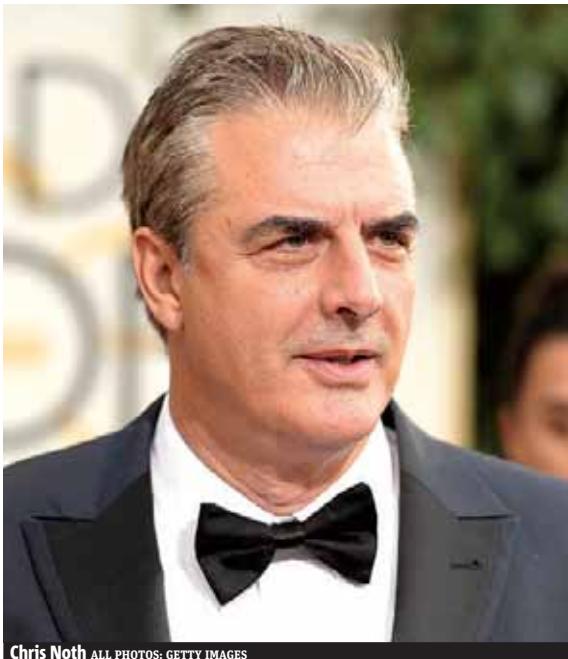
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What's the Big deal? Noth Carries on about misunderstood SATC cad

Chris Noth would like to take issue with a lingering *Sex and the City* point. People have always been unfairly harsh about his character, Big, apparently. "He never tried to pretend he was anything other than what he was. It was (Carrie) who tried to pretend he was something he wasn't," he

tells Australia's news.com.au in an interview. "He never cheated on her. The relationship just didn't work, and he went on to get married while she went on to ... how many boyfriends did she have? She was such a whore! There's a misconception that Carrie was a victim of him, and that's not the case."

Dakota wants to pull the Shades on family viewing

Maybe Dakota Johnson is rethinking her decision to star in the film adaptation of 50 Shades of Grey, as the young actress doesn't want her family to watch it, according to the National Enquirer. Sources say Johnson "can't bear the thought" of her parents, Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson, or her grandmother, Tippi Hedren, watching the film's steamier and kinkier elements. She is apparently OK with 18-year-old half-sister Stella Banderas watching, though. The film's



getting a pretty wide release, so if she really wants to be this picky about who can and can't see it, she'll have her work cut out for her.

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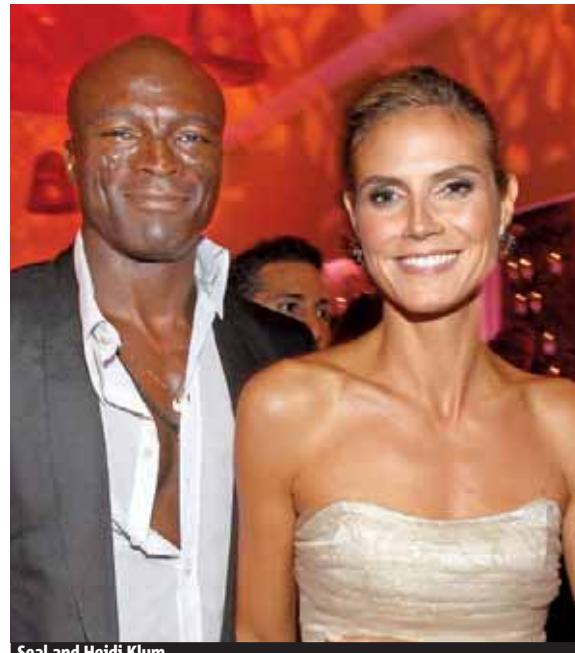
Robin Thicke comes to an unpretty posse

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Metro in Hollywood

Robin Thicke may have lost Paula Patton, but he's gained a notorious gang of new friends. The Blurred Lines singer has apparently been inducted as the newest member of Leonardo DiCaprio's infamous group of guy pals with a ... rather unfortunate nickname.

Really, the group is a longstanding thing. There's even an infamous NY Mag piece about them from

1998. Members who've been by Leo's side for years include Lukas Haas, Kevin Connolly and David Blaine, and the most recent inductee before Thicke was reportedly Jonah Hill, so who wouldn't want to join? Anyway, according to Page Six, Thicke announced his inclusion in the ... posse by throwing himself a divorce party — so classy — in L.A. recently. "There were a lot of models there. Leo and Robin were being super flirtatious and talking to tons of girls," a source says. "Robin, in particular, was dancing and talking to a pretty blonde throughout most of the night. At one point, he grabbed a girl's hand and was like, 'Let's dance.'" What a lucky lady.



Seal and Heidi Klum

It was no lickety split, but Seal and Heidi are so over it already

It took nearly three years of negotiating, but Heidi Klum and Seal are finally officially divorced, with the agreement finalized earlier this week, according to TMZ. The Project Runway host and the Kiss from a Rose singer were married seven years before splitting up in January 2012. The divorce must have not been that heated, as the two

have been seen attending their kids' soccer games recently, looking perfectly friendly. Klum, for her part, has already moved on and is reportedly dating 27-year-old playboy Vito Schnabel.

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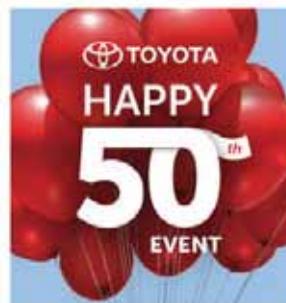
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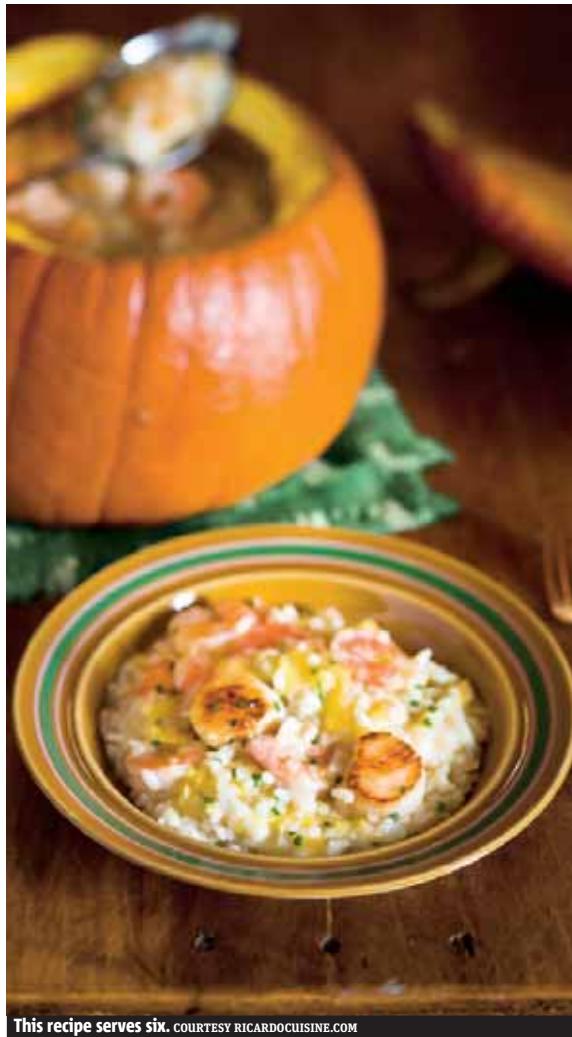
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Carve out a new purpose for pumpkin



This recipe serves six. COURTESY RICARDOCLUISINE.COM

Pumpkin and Seafood Risotto. You may be sick of pie, but this fall staple can also be a savoury flavour enhancer



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Jack-o'-lanterns are fun, but my favourite uses for pumpkins involve a little seafood. It's time to see pumpkins in a new light.

1. With the rack in the lowest position, preheat the oven to 350 F (180 C).

2. With a knife, remove the top of the pumpkin. With a spoon, scrape out the seeds until the inside of the pumpkin is smooth. Lightly oil the pumpkin, inside and out. Season the inside with salt and pepper. Place on a baking sheet. Bake for about 1 hour and 30 minutes or until the flesh is tender. Keep warm.

3. Meanwhile, in a saucepan, heat the chicken broth and clam juice. Set aside.

4. In another saucepan, soften the shallots in the butter. Add the rice and coat with the butter. Add the broth, about 1 cup (250 ml) at a time, stirring frequently until the liquid has been completely absorbed be-

fore adding more broth. After about 20 minutes, the rice should be al dente. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese. Adjust the seasoning. Pour into the pumpkin, stir and scrape some flesh into the risotto, to taste. Adjust the seasoning.

5. Meanwhile, in a large non-stick skillet, sear the scallops and shrimp, one after the other, in the oil. Season with salt and pepper. Stir seafood and chive in the risotto. Place the pumpkin in a serving dish in the centre of the table. FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCLUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED THIS SEPTEMBER!

Ingredients

- 1 pumpkin, about 6 1/2 lb (3 kg)
- olive oil, for brushing
- 4 cups (1 litre) chicken broth
- 1 cup (250 ml) clam juice
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) shallots, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) butter
- 2 cups (500 ml) arborio rice
- 1 cup (250 ml) grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- Salt and pepper

Topping

- 3/4 lb (350 g) medium-sized scallops, patted dry
- 3/4 lb (350 g) medium-sized shrimp, shelled, deveined and patted dry
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh chives



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With Thanksgiving done and dusted, the only pumpkin most of you may be interested in seeing is one grinning at you from your front porch on Halloween.

I'm betting the lack of post-holiday love for jack-o'-lantern meat as a meal ingredient is because we associate it only with pie.

Ricardo gets his gourd on in this week's recipe: a twist on seafood risotto that not only features pumpkin as a flavour enhancer, but as a serving receptacle as well.

With or without the vegetal element, seafood risotto is a white wine drinker's dish.

Something light, dry and slightly citrusy will go swimmingly with the aquatic highlights, temper the risotto's earthiness and lift the aromatics of the pumpkin flesh.

With its subtle effervescence, a dry Italian Prosecco would be a fine choice, as would a crisp pinot grigio.

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Farewell, My Lovely

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Wordfest

What happens when you invite close to 100 writers to come hang out in Calgary for a week? You get Wordfest, a literary event that celebrates the creative minds and literary heroes at the regional, national and global level. Throughout the weekend, you'll have a chance to attend workshops, presentations, book launches, impromptu signings and something called a Literary Death Match. If this sort of thing is your jam, then look out for the presentation by Naomi Klein on Oct. 21 at Knox United Church (starts at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$25. wordfest.com



Cocktail Classes

The Bourbon Room presents a custom cocktail class on Oct. 21, offering lessons in how to make drinks like a pro. Resident bar ninja Stephen Phipps will show you how to mix, muddle and pour three signature cocktails, and by the end of the night you'll probably feel like Tom Cruise in the movie *Cocktail*. Even if you don't feel like Tom after a few hours of class, you'll at least get to hang out in a cool spot, and enjoy some snacks and a few libations. This is a smart way to spend \$75. Trust us. ntnl.ca/cocktail-classes



Fluid Fest

From now until Oct. 26 you can catch Springboard Performance's Fluid Festival, a dance affair that's described as a celebration of F-words (like ferocious, fantastic and force). If you're looking for ideas on what to attend, then maybe you should consider seeing I-E-V featuring a wild 10-person performance that's choreographed to a creative techno soundtrack. Developed in Israel, this is theatre that will be like nothing else you've ever experienced. You can catch this spectacular show Oct. 23-25 at Theatre Junction GRAND. springboardperformance.com



Goro+Gun

Despite the city dealing with massive power outages in downtown Calgary this week, you can still count on Goro + Gun when hunger calls. If you're new to the menu here, then you have to start with the Okonomiyaki (green cabbage and pork belly) before diving into one of the savoury and delicious ramen dishes. If you still have room left for something sweet, the green tea ice cream will hit the spot. For those of you who are off work this week, you can also take advantage of happy hour, 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. goroandgun.ca



The Glenbow

Word on the street is that Brad Pitt and Tom Hanks have been in the province looking for actors and locations for their production of *Lewis and Clark*. Chances are good we'll have to wait a few more years to see that film come to fruition, but in the meantime you can get inspired by visiting the Glenbow. From now until the end of year, the Northwest Passage exhibit is on display and heralds all the trials and tribulations associated with being an explorer in the Great White North. glenbow.org



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In Pittsburgh

Seguin scores with seconds left to give Stars win over Penguins

Tyler Seguin scored a power-play goal with 2.9 seconds remaining to give the Dallas Stars a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Thursday night.

Seguin's goal capped a furious comeback as Dallas scored twice in the final 2:57 to win its second straight and snap a six-game losing streak in Pittsburgh. Jamie Benn and Antoine Roussel also scored for the Stars, who won in Pittsburgh for the first time since Dec. 23, 2000.

Sidney Crosby had his fourth goal of the season and Chris Kunitz also scored — both on power plays in the first 10 minutes of the game — for the Penguins. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

In Montreal

Habs ditch Bruins in home opener

Pandan Gallagher and P.A. Parenteau each had two goals as the Montreal Canadiens chased goalie Tuukka Rask out of the game to win their NHL home opener 6-4 over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

Max Pacioretty had a goal and two helpers, while Jiri Sekac got his first NHL goal for Montreal (4-1-0).

Zdeno Chara, Carl Soderberg, Loui Eriksson and Simon Gagne, with his first as a Bruin, replied for Boston (2-4-0), which led 3-2 before fading late in the second frame. Boston was coming off a win Wednesday night in Detroit.

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Brodie's worthy of a longer deal, now



THE HOCKEY
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With each passing game T.J. Brodie plays, his price tag goes up. That's why it's in the best interests of the Calgary Flames to sign the pending restricted free agent to a long-term deal as soon as possible.

Truth be told, it would have been far more astute to sign him to a long-term deal in the summer of 2013 rather than the two-year bridge deal that expires in April. But that's water under the bridge deal.

In case you haven't noticed, Brodie isn't just a good, young defenceman, he's exceptionally gifted with a high hockey IQ, smooth skating, smarts, poise, guile and composure.

He is every bit the equal of stud captain Mark Giordano and there's no reason to think Brodie can't maintain or raise the bar in the coming years.

That's why the Flames have to sign him now. And by long term, I say for seven or eight seasons, not just the three or four that's been the norm in these parts lately.

Brodie has just 190 NHL games under his belt, and there's been a glut of comparable NHL defencemen who have signed the past few months. Most recently, Jonas Brodin (21, 126 games) signed a six-year deal for \$4.167 million US annually, and Jake Muzzin (25, 132



T.J. Brodie waits for a faceoff. CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

games) signed a five-year pact for \$4 million US a season.

Earlier, Justin Braun (27, 220 games) signed for five years at \$3.8 million US; Jake Gardiner (24, 169 games) inked for five years at \$4.05 million US; and Dmitry Kulikov (23, 316 games) signed for three years at \$4.33 million US.

Brodie, in my opinion, is better than anyone in that group and maybe the Flames are looking to offer a

three-year deal worth somewhere between \$4 million US and \$5 million US annually. And maybe Brodie, still a restricted free agent with limited options, signs that deal.

That's fine for both sides for the time being, but what happens in three years' time when the Flames are presumably a much better team closer to the salary cap? With the trajectory Brodie is on, maybe he's in the ballpark of \$7 to \$8 mil-

lion US a year — remember, P.K. Subban just signed for \$9 million US. And by that time, Brodie will be an unrestricted free agent.

So offer the lad long-term security and sign him for the maximum eight years now. And with the average annual value closer to \$5 million US, that's prudent bookkeeping which is sure to become a big deal if the Flames intend to build into a Stanley Cup contender.

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Giants walk off to World Series

NLCS. Ishikawa pulls off dream hit, sets San Francisco's date with Royals in Fall Classic

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Plus, throw in a few celebrity rooters. Jeff Foxworthy cheering for his good pal Roy-

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travis Ishikawa hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning, sending the San Francisco Giants to the World Series with a 6-3 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night. 	

als manager Ned Yost. Former Journey frontman Steve Perry in the stands at AT&T Park, leading the crowd in singing Don't Stop Believin' during the seventh-inning stretch.

The Royals, after going 8-0 in the AL playoffs, back in the World Series for the first time since beating the Cardinals in 1985. That's 29 years — the average age on the Royals' post-season roster is 28.

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Travis Ishikawa watches his ninth-inning home run leave AT&T Park in San Francisco on Thursday night, giving the Giants a 6-3 Game 5 win over the Cardinals and a trip to the World Series where they'll meet the Kansas City Royals.

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Biogenesis scandal

Anthony Bosch pleads guilty to distributing PEDs

The former owner of a South Florida anti-aging clinic pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of illegally providing performance-enhancing drugs to athletes including high-profile Major League Baseball players, most notably New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez.

Anthony Bosch, former owner of the Biogenesis of America clinic in Coral Gables, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute testosterone before U.S. District Judge Darrin P. Gayles. Bosch, who was not a medical doctor yet called himself "Dr. T," faces a maximum 10-year prison sentence but is likely to get far less because of co-operation with prosecutors and with MLB's investigation into player drug use.

Six other people are charged in the case, and Bosch has agreed to testify against them if they go to trial. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Broncos tight end Julius Thomas celebrates scoring a touchdown on Sunday against the Jets. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Forget what I've said: It's not easy

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Effortless TDs come to Julius Thomas, even if he backtracks on it

Six points at a time

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Julius Thomas has nine touchdown receptions through five games.

Julius Thomas says he was misquoted — by Julius Thomas.

After scoring his second TD against the Jets last weekend, Denver's star tight end screamed, "It's so easy!"

Although his nine TD receptions are tied with Calvin Johnson (2011) for the most in NFL history through five games, Thomas backed down from his bravado this week.

"Contrary to my own statements, it's not very easy," Thomas relented.

He's making it look effort-

spires me to work harder, so I'll stay after it."

Thomas's position coach, Clancy Barone, called Gonzalez, the 14-time Pro Bowler who had just retired, and asked if he could tutor his fellow power forward-turned tight end.

Gonzalez invited Thomas to his home and the two talked tons of football. Not about technique or run-blocking, but "about the mental side of it," Gonzalez said.

"It doesn't matter how good you get, you have to keep looking for ways to improve. You're always eating right. You're always looking for the latest way to get your body quicker, stronger, faster," Gonzalez said. "You've got to be obsessed with your routine."

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Lawsuit

Judge dismisses Jones' assault case

A judge threw out a sexual assault lawsuit filed against Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones on Thursday, saying the claims were barred by Texas law limiting the time in which a case can be filed.

Jana Weckerly had accused Jones of grabbing her genitals and forcibly kissing her in 2009. Weckerly also alleged an attorney for Jones took a memory card with photos and destroyed it, and that she was paid hush money for several years after the incident. Jones denied the allegations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Pats cause Jets to nosedive

Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski escapes a tackle against the Jets on Thursday night in Foxboro, Mass. Tom Brady threw three touchdown passes and the Patriots held on to win 27-25. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton**♈ Aries****March 21 - April 20**

The mood you start the day with will remain with you until the start of next week, so find something to cheer you up and get you smiling.

♉ Taurus**April 21 - May 20**

It's nice to know your efforts are appreciated and Saturn in your opposite sign is about to bring you recognition. It will give your confidence a boost.

♊ Gemini**May 22 - June 21**

Don't push yourself too hard physically or worry that you are not giving enough mentally or emotionally. With your ruler Mercury moving retrograde this is the ideal time to slow down.

♋ Cancer**June 22 - July 23**

You may not be looking forward to a social event but the planets indicate if you make the effort to enjoy yourself you will be surprised how much fun you have. Go ahead, lighten up.

♌ Leo**July 24 - Aug. 23**

Make an effort to get on top of your workload before the weekend begins. There is so much going on socially that it would be a shame to miss out.

♍ Virgo**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

The positive results of the decisions you made a few weeks ago will be apparent over the next few days. No effort is ever wasted, so stop feeling sorry for yourself.

♎ Libra**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Saturn in the main financial area of your chart means you need to be on your guard today whenever you hear the phrase "business opportunity" or something similar.

♏ Scorpio**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

Today's cosmic set-up warns you cannot afford to be half involved. Friends, family and work colleagues expect total commitment and you owe it to them to give 100 per cent.

♐ Sagittarius**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

If you push yourself beyond your natural limits today you may regret it come the start of next week. If you need to free up more time try wasting less of it on trivial pursuits.

♑ Capricorn**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

A partnership or relationship issue can easily be resolved today, if you are prepared to sit down and listen to the other person's grievances.

♒ Aquarius**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

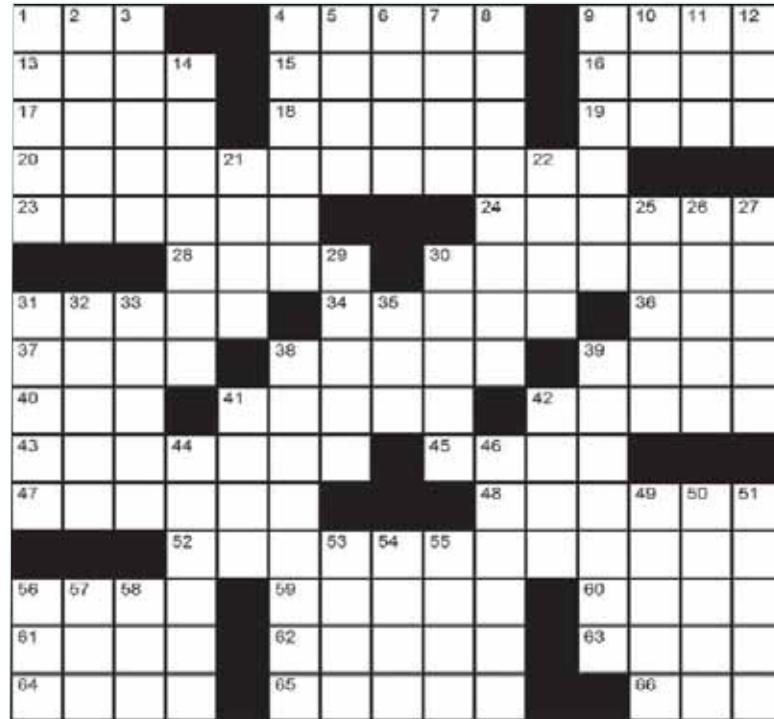
Wherever you happen to be and whatever you happen to be doing at this precise moment of time is exactly right for you, so lighten up and make it work.

♓ Pisces**Feb. 20 - March 20**

The planets warn you will have to make sacrifices in your social life today and over the weekend if you are to make progress in more serious areas.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan**Across**

- Burt Reynolds movie, "Stroker __" (1983)
- Verbalize
- Folk tale character Ali
- The __ (Shakespeare)
- Hippie's hope
- Police K-9 __
- Place
- Dick __ Jr. (Canadian broadcasting legend)
- Furiousness
- #8-Down's most iconic work, The __
- Acting do-over
- "Happy Days" sister
- Mr. Romney
- Saint __ Seminary, Montreal's oldest building, built in the 1680s
- A lot
- Robert Frost poem, __ Treader
- Rugged off-road ride, commonly
- Dish
- Taken __ (Surprised)
- Stick
- Prince Valiant's son
- Farmland
- Untrue
- "Dance Desire" rock band from Charlottetown
- Quickly read over

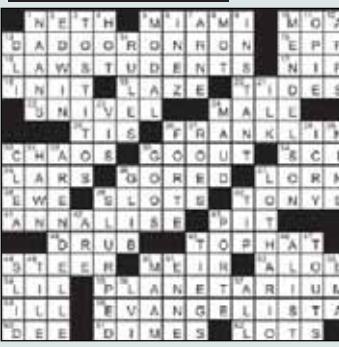


- Montreal-born trombonist Mr. Trudel, and namesakes
- Princess Leia __ (Carrie Fisher role)
- Mid Shore __ (Type of ship in the Canadian Coast Guard)
- Mr. Lovett

- Netting fibre
- Variety
- Boo-hooing bit
- British in the Renaissance
- Wing-shaped
- Blots
- Dog's 'I'm hot and tired' signals
- Highness, for short

- Can do the task better
- British actor Michael
- Vertical
- Particular piano
- Saucy
- Icicle's locale
- #41-Down's role in

- "Tommy" (1975), The __ Queen
- Inuit artist, __ Ashevak (b.1927 - d.2013)
- Potatoes packaging
- Anecdotal collection
- Great
- Rusted

Yesterday's Crossword**Online**

See today's answers at
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**Sudoku**

How to play
 Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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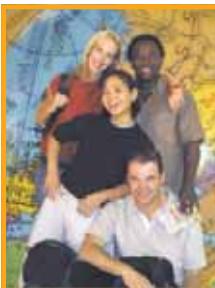
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